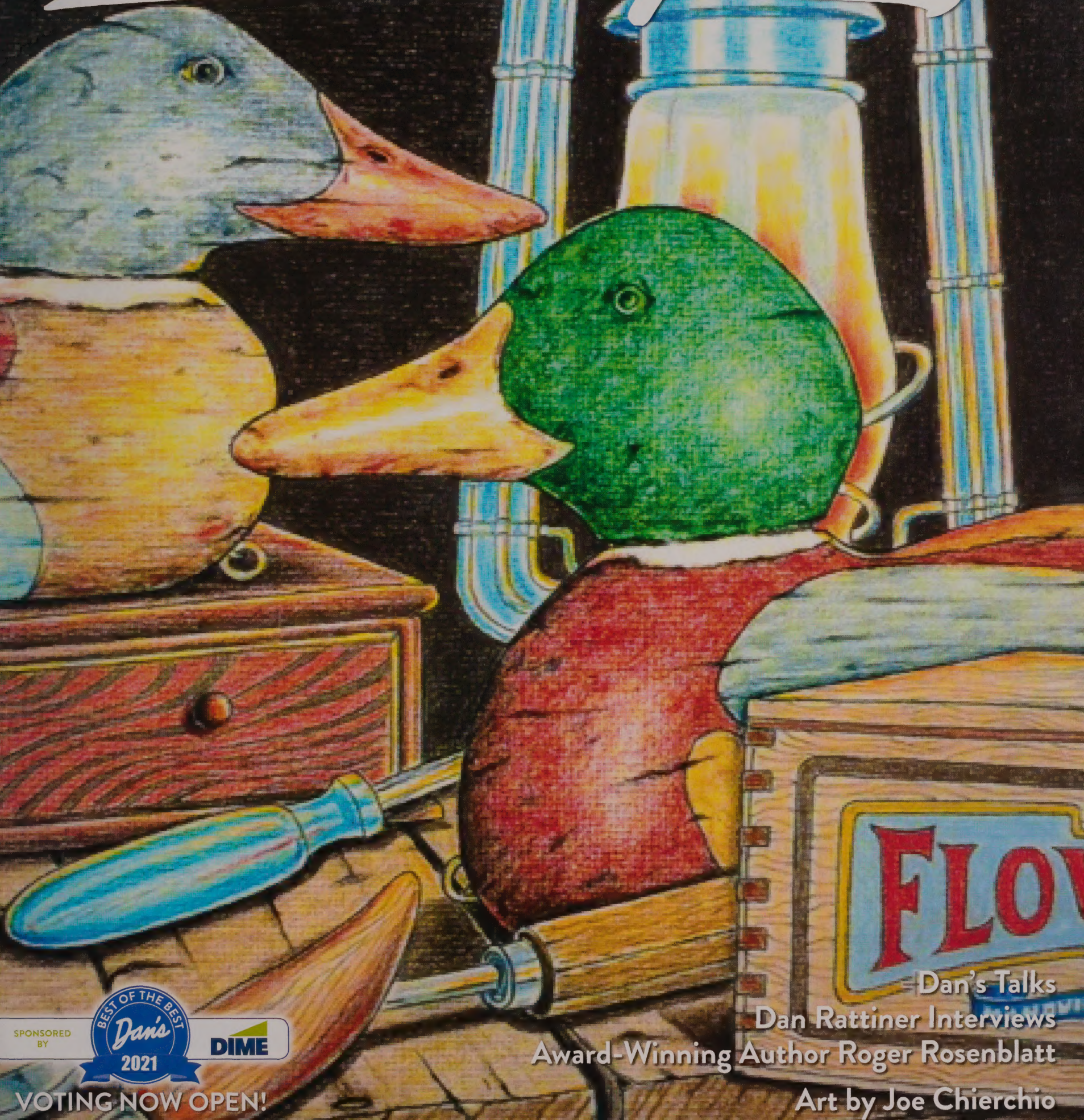


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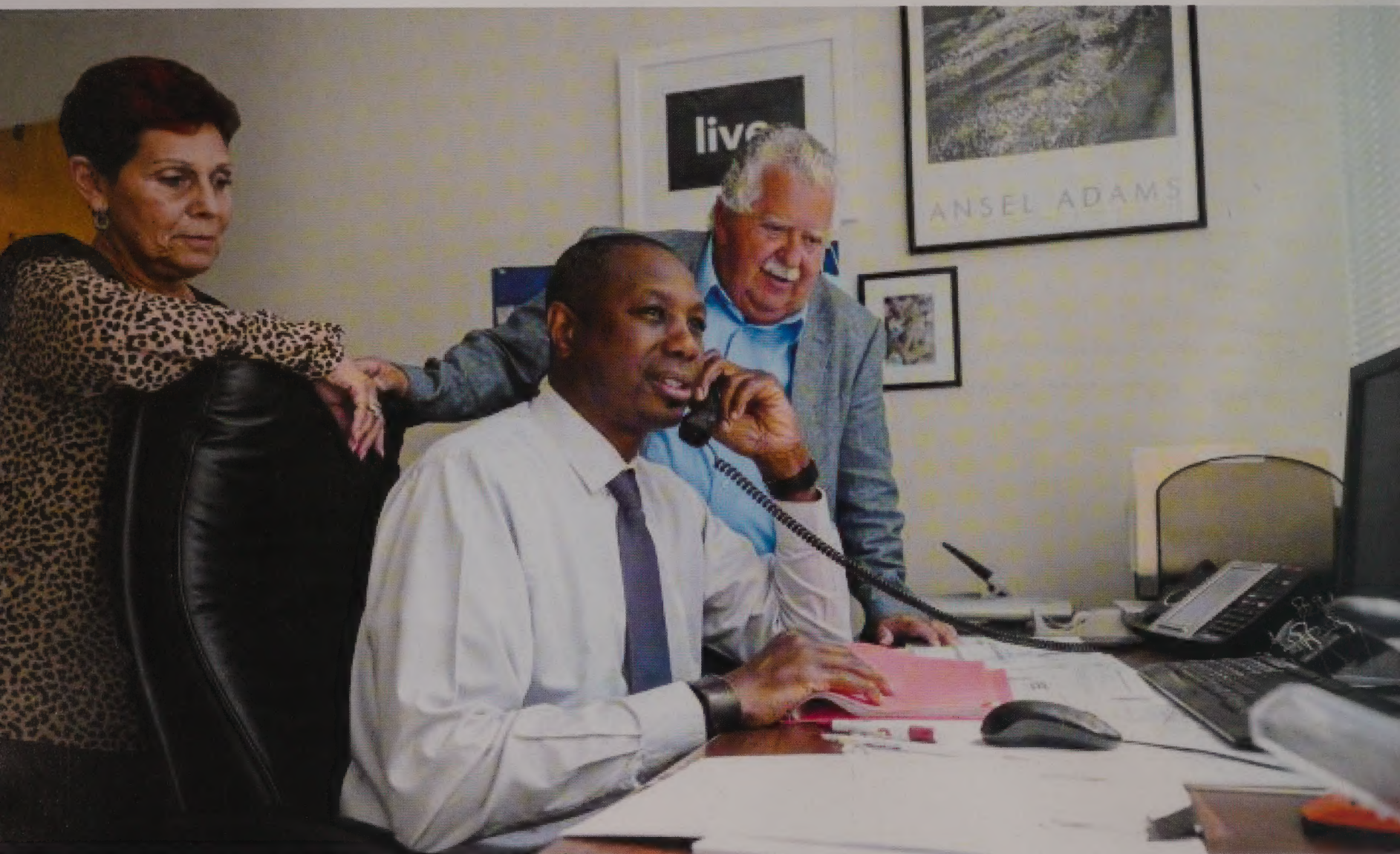
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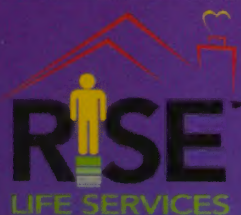
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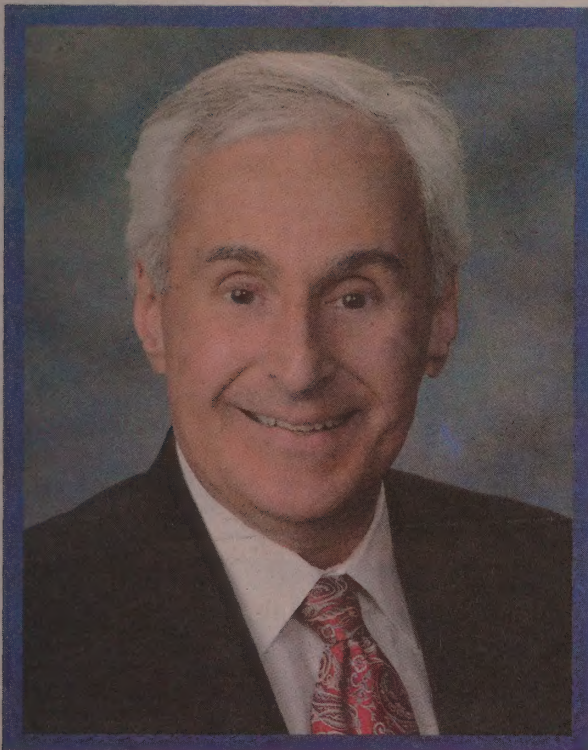
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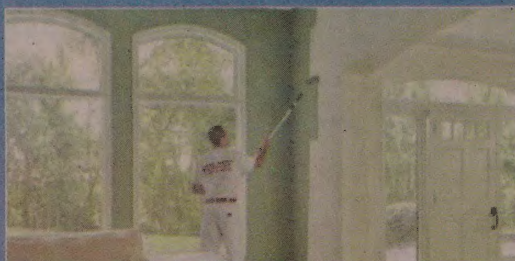
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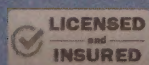
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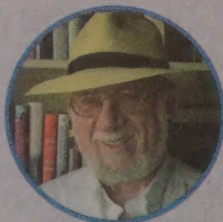
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It may be the end of **Bobby Flay's** reign at Food Network. The Amagansett celebrity chef is set to part ways with the network once his current three-year contract expires at the end of this year, according to *Variety*. The outlet, citing sources close to the situation, reports that Food Network has ended negotiations with Flay, choosing to move on without the star after both parties could not agree to financial terms. There has been no comment from either Flay or Food Network, reports *People*.

In his usual top head honcho way, **Jay-Z** managed to take Hollywood to the UK and close a major business deal in a week of back-to-back business. On October 6, accompanied by his wife **Beyoncé**, East Hampton's power cou-

ple walked the red carpet for *The Harder They Fall*, which Jay-Z co-executive produced. The film opened the much-anticipated BFI London Film Festival. Jay and Bey were joined at the premiere by **Idris Elba**, his wife **Sabrina Dhowre Elba**, daughter **Isan Elba**, director **Jeymes Samuel**, as well as red-bottom shoe designer **Christian Louboutin** and actors **Regina King** and **Regé-Jean Page**. The following day, Jay-Z and his cannabis company,

The Parent Company, acquired the Coastal Dispensary for a reported \$56.2 million, with the additional option of equity in other stores bringing the deal up \$9 million to a total price tag of \$65 million.

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With the holidays right around the corner, **Martha Stewart** shared tips of how she hosts fall dinner parties in her East Hampton home

with Daily Mail TV senior correspondent **Alicia Quarles**. When guests arrive, the domestic doyenne suggests getting into the fall spirit with a seasonal fresh apple cider cocktail. Stewart also maintains that "everyone needs a basic, white dinnerware" set. Says Stewart, "To make your table a little more festive, choose the right glass." She also says you don't have to wait for a special occasion to break out the good crystal.

Animal advocates **Andrea Stark** from Bridgehampton and Southampton's **Jean Shafiroff** will co-chair an event honoring **Sir Darius Brown**, the 14-year-old student who creates stylish bow ties to help puppies look their best while finding their forever homes. Darius will receive the Young Leadership Award from Tri-County Animal Rescue, a nonprofit animal shelter working to prevent the killing of more than 70,000 unwanted pets in Palm Beach and Miami each year. The group has saved over 68,000 domestic animals from being eutha-

nized. The lunch in Stark's Manhattan penthouse on October 18 leads up to the organization's benefit in Palm Beach on November 21.

Madonna did a walk-through at the Red Rooster on October 5 to check out the Harlem hot spot as a venue for a screening/party for her *Madame X* concert film. After arriving two hours late for her appointment, the Bridgehampton resident decided to rent out the entire restaurant for her soirée. Meanwhile, the Material Girl shocked host **Jimmy Fallon** during her October 7 appearance on *The Tonight Show* when she crawled across his desk and flashed her bottom at the audience.

Bravo producer **Andy Cohen** reunited with Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs in the second series of its "Get Along Famously" video campaign to help bring residents of Long Island neighborhoods together.

The Bridgehampton building housing the original Bobby Van's traded hands for \$7.5 million in an off-mar-



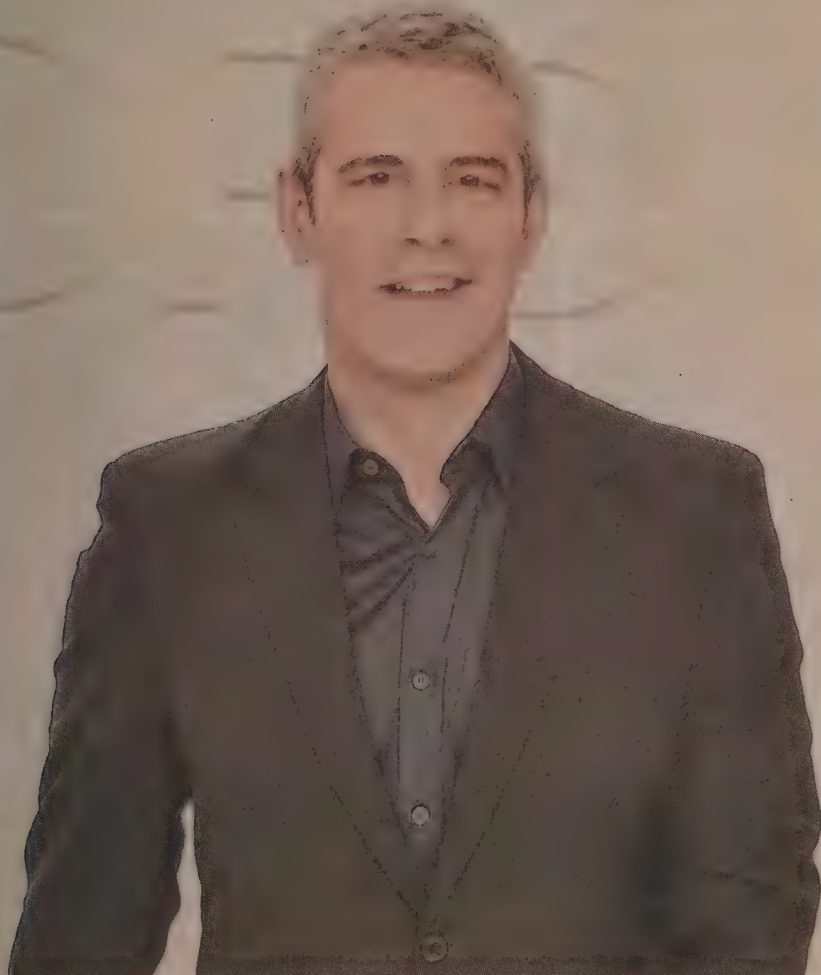
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ket deal, reports **Jennifer Gould's** Gimme Shelter. A high-end Italian restaurant is going into the space at 2402 Montauk Highway, which housed the pizza spot World Pie after Bobby Van's closed in 1980. Van, the late jazz pianist, opened his spot there in 1971 and it became the watering hole of choice for legendary writers like Truman Capote and Kurt Vonnegut.

Sightings ...

Man of the Year award winner/Hamptons homeowner **Billy Porter** at the Virgin Atlantic Attitude Awards, presented by Jaguar, on October 6 in London.

Jane Krakowski and **Michael Kors**, whose Southampton boutique is welcoming fall shoppers, filming a commercial for the charity God's Love We Deliver on October 6.

Bill McCuddy's Hamptons International Film Festival Hot Takes ...

The Hamps was hopping with stars last weekend. Red carpets, rendezvous roundtables at 1770 House and cocktail parties had the in-person vibe back to semi-normal. Drive-ins are sooooo last year. Unfortunately, *The Crown* star **Josh O'Connor** didn't like our one day of rain. "I was

in Montauk a week ago, and it was so hot and I got really burned, and so when I said I was coming out again for the film festival my partner said, 'Don't forget the suntan lotion,' and now I don't think I need it. This is London weather."

Maggie Gyllenhaal brought her directorial debut *The Lost Daughter* to Guild Hall. What advice would she give first-time directors? "Movies have a 'tone' and when you hear that, I call it 'being in the current.' When you're hitting that tone, trust your instinct. And I did that. And you can like it or not like it but it is my film."

Finally, **Alec Baldwin** says Oscar winners come here first. "My

favorite moment was in 2009 when we had **Louie Psihoyos** here for our Summer Doc series with *The Cove*. And we showed it, and I did a Q&A with him, and it was in August. And seven months later, I hosted the Oscars with **Steve Martin**, and I handed the Best Documentary Oscar to Psihoyos. So yes, you have to come here to be considered for an Oscar."

Quick Takes: **Bob Balaban** got a 50-person sit-down dinner for *The French Dispatch* that also honored **David Nugent** and **Anne Chaisson**. Standing ovation for one of the heroes that saved those 12 Thai soccer players when he came out for a surprise Q&A after *The Rescue*. And that's a wrap.

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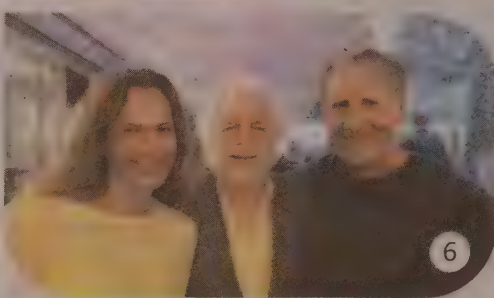
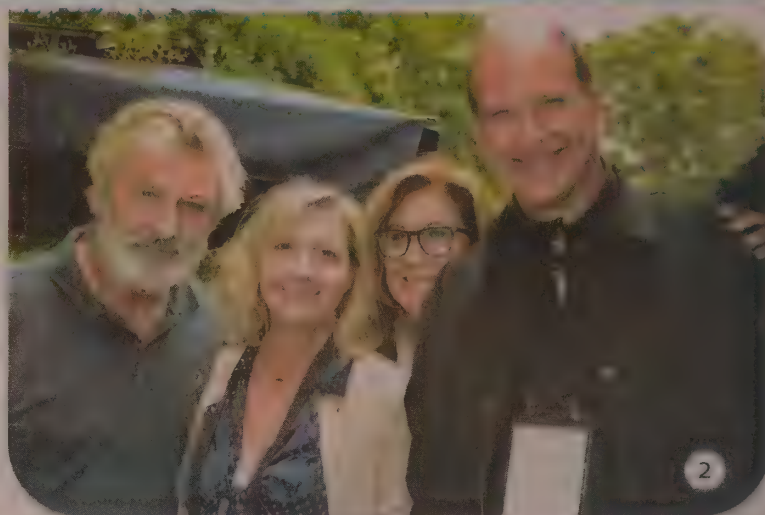
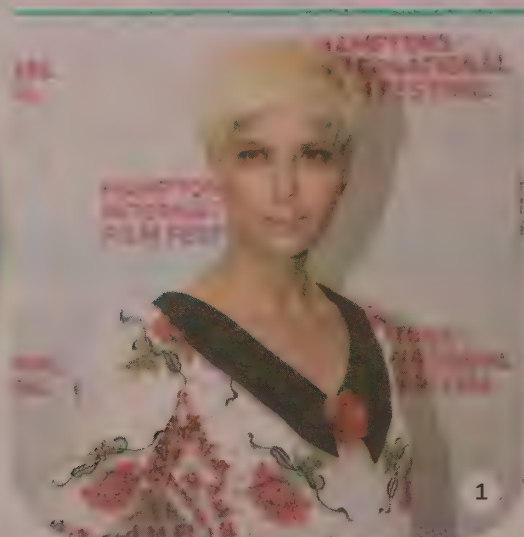




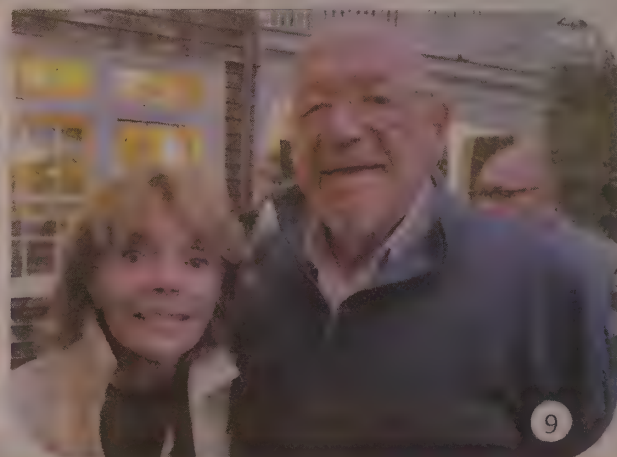
29th Annual Hamptons International Film Festival's Triumphant Return

The 29th annual Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF29) returned this year in-person with strict COVID protocols and limited screenings at Guild Hall and the Sag Harbor Cinema. Turnout was great and enthusiasm was high for the new films, talk backs and parties. Learn more at hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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RED CARPET PHOTOS COURTESY OF HIFF29



1. Selma Blair, *Introducing, Selma Blair* (photo: Sonia Moscovitz)
2. Alec Baldwin, Anne Chaisson, Tracy Blumenfeld, David Blumenfeld
3. Toni Ross, signing her HIFF poster artwork at Nick & Toni's
4. Maggie Gyllenhaal and her daughter Ramona Sarsgaard, *The Lost Daughter* (photo: Chloe Giftkins)
5. The Nugent family: Violet, David and their daughters Plum and Rome
6. Elizabeth Beier, Randy Mastro, Joe Rose
7. Clint Bentley, Clifton Collins Jr., Nancy Schaefer, *Jockey* (photo: Chloe Giftkins)
8. Alan, Michelle and Stuart Suna at Si Si Restaurant (photo: Jesse Dalane)
9. Judy Licht, Jerry Della Femina



THE FALL PHOTO CONTEST IS NOW OPEN

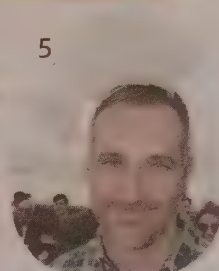
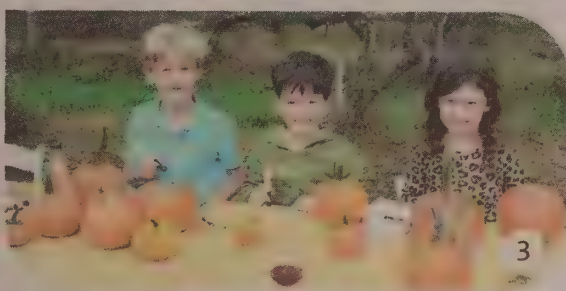
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Wölffer Estate Annual Harvest Party

The 31st annual grape harvest at Wölffer Estate took place on October 9 and was a joyous celebration for all ages — plenty of food, fun, festivities and delicious tastings — a banner year for the popular vineyard.

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1. Dylan Lyon, Katie Reuling, winners of the winemaking contest
2. Max Rohn, Joey Wölffer, Marc Wölffer, Roman Roth
3. Christian Von Hagn, Ryan Rost, Nina Rost
4. Joey Wölffer, Chris Coffee
5. Mark Govoni had a barrel of foam



Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK



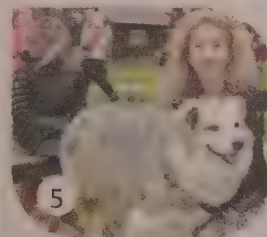
Mauricio Bittencourt, Tim Blaquiere
Scene at: Wölffer Harvest Party
Harvest lederhosen and vest
"We got them in Germany."
PHOTOGRAPH BY ANGELA LAGRECA



ARF Stroll to the Sea Draws Over 500 Pooches

The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF) returned with its annual Stroll to the Sea fundraiser on October 9. The event drew over 500 participants who were thrilled to walk the two miles with their dogs from Mulford Farm to Main Beach in East Hampton to support the dogs and cats of ARF. A kick-off party on Friday night before the stroll was held at Amber Waves Farm.


PHOTOGRAPHY BY BARRY GORDIN AND LISA TAMBURINI



1. Sandy Rapp, Isaac Mizrahi, Jamie Berger
2. Bill McCuddy, Emcee and The Judges
3. Stroll to the Sea
4. Charlotte Sasso and Niko, winners of the Smooth the Pooch contest
5. Madelyn Steinman with Shizam
6. Bonita deWolf with Dutch
7. Ellen Scarborough, Chuck Scarborough, Kristina Curatola
8. Smooch the pooch contest
9. Patrick Christiano with Truman
10. Scott Howe (Executive Director of ARF) cuts the ribbon to start the walk

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Creative Coalition Luncheon in East Hampton

The Creative Coalition, a nonprofit, non-partisan arm of the entertainment industry that brings together platforms to ensure that the arts are funded in this nation, held a luncheon in East Hampton on October 9. The event was hosted at the beautiful home of Kim and David Kreiss.

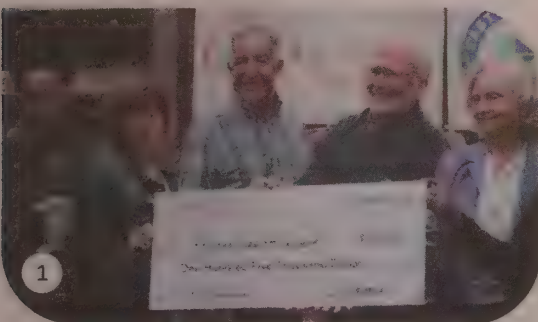
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1. Katie Thomson, senior talent producer of *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*, Robin Bronk CEO of Creative Coalition
2. Cory Sherman, Cherie Christmas
3. Wendy Federman, Dan Studney
4. Ellen Goosenberg Kent, Kim Snyder
5. Wendy Ettinger, Susan Stavenhagen, Ron Hartenbaum
6. Hosts Kim and David Kreiss with Kiki



East End Fund for Children Receives \$105,000 Check from Citarella

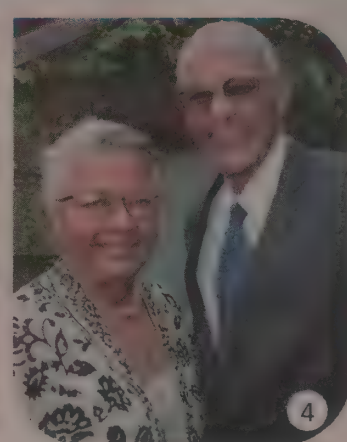


Citarella owner Joe Guerrero presented a check for \$105,000 to representatives from the East End Fund for Children (serving seven local organizations) at a special ceremony on October 5 at the Citarella in Bridgehampton. The proceeds represented money raised from Citarella's Change Round-Up fundraising campaign, which ran from July 30 through Labor Day and encouraged shoppers at the

three Citarella locations on the East End to donate at the time of their purchase. Winners of a self portrait contest that ran during the fundraising initiative will be featured on merchandise at Citarella during the coming weeks.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JODY GAMBINO

1. Alicia Austin of the Southampton Youth Association, Theresa Roden of i-tri, Joe Guerra, Tim Frazier of the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center, Loretta Davis of The Retreat
2. Monica Guanga, Mamé Footar, Paulina Fares, Citarella, frontline workers who helped raise funds
3. Artists: Bella Del Giorno, Daniela Garnica, Alysson Pichon, Samantha Garnica and teacher, Robert King



Art and Taste at Sage and Madison

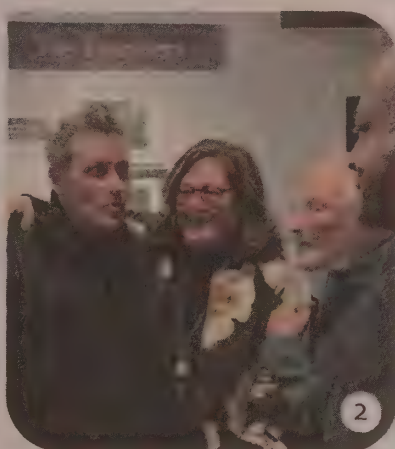
Sage and Madison, the quaint 18th century guest house and boutique in Sag Harbor, held an artful, tasteful Saturday on October 9 with a reception for painter Michael A. Butler's new show *At Home in Sag*

Harbor. Owner Chris Coffee hosted while Stacy Dermont signed copies of her book *The Hamptons Kitchen* (Norton) on the patio and served up some delicious, healthy homemade cookies.

Butler, a three-time *Dan's* cover artist, will exhibit his small works through December at the boutique, which also offers great gift items, coffee, chocolate and treats.

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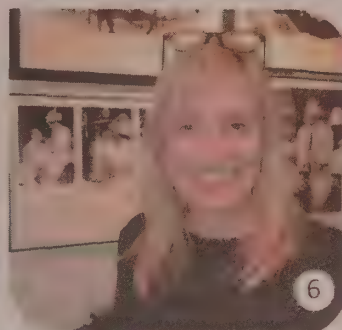
1. Michael A. Butler, with some of his small works for sale
2. Stacy Dermont, author of *The Hamptons Kitchen*
3. Chris Coffee, owner Sage and Madison
4. Lynn Williams, E.T. Williams Jr.



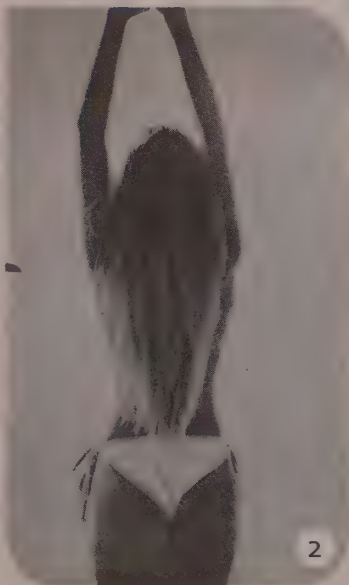
Isaac Mizrahi Doubleheader at Bay Street

The multi-talented Isaac Mizrahi held court at Bay Street Theater on October 9 and 10, regaling a packed house on Saturday night with hilarious stories and moving arrangements, accompanied by his smoking jazz band. On Sunday, after a screening of his documentary *Unzipped*, Mizrahi engaged in a talk back with Executive Director Tracy Mitchell and then blew out birthday candles to celebrate his "big birthday" on October 14. "I'm turning ... I can't say it ... 'ixty," he joked.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF MIZRAHI BLOWING CANDLES: MICHAEL HELLER



1. Isaac Mizrahi with Tracy Mitchell, blowing out birthday candles
2. Isaac Mizrahi, Fern Mallis
3. Jean Shafiroff, Isaac Mizrahi
4. Bill Boggs, Jane Rothchild, Isaac Mizrahi
5. Brian Mott, NY State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright, Jimmy Mack
6. Tracy Mitchell
7. Isaac Mizrahi joking with his band
8. Nancy Geller, Ellen Krass, Judy Harris



Salt House Mercantile Art Opening: Dean Isidro

An exhibition of fashion photographer Dean Isidro's creative vision and one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces opened at Salt House Mercantile in Sag Harbor. The show is up until January.

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1. Dean Isidro
2. A Dean Isidro photograph
3. Victoria Schneps
4. Tia Greene, Nicholas Holder
5. MAGO
6. Carrie Shei, owner of Salt House Mercantile

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GOV. KATHY HOCHUL SIGNED AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGISLATION FOR THE EAST END THAT ASSEMBLYMAN FRED THIELE HAS BEEN WORKING ON FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS.

Governor Signs Peconic Bay Region Community Housing Fund Act Into Law

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The five East End towns now have the authority to create a Peconic Bay Region Community Housing Fund Act that will give them the ability to raise money for affordable housing in a similar way to how money is raised for the successful Community Preservation Fund. Gov. Kathy Hochul signed the bill into law on October 8.

New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. (I-Sag Harbor) has been working on this issue for almost 20 years, though getting legislation that would specifically help the East End was an uphill battle. The impact on the local housing market during the pandemic, when "real estate has been on fire," he said, expanded the momentum of support that has been built over the recent years.

"I think as long as I've been involved in government and politics on the East End, affordable housing has been a major issue and the pandemic only exacerbated it and brought it to crisis proportions," he said.

The Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund, which Thiele created more than 20 years ago and collects money from a 2% real estate transfer tax, has more than doubled in the last 12 months, generating \$250 million.

"It's very hard for local families. So many want a second home that it's making it unaffordable for

people to buy a first home here," Thiele said, adding, "The timing of this was very good."

A sister bill of the CPF, the housing act will raise money for affordable housing with a half-percent addition to the existing fund.

"Back in 2002, we had a public hearing on affordable housing and issued a report, and this bill was introduced almost immediately," he said during a call on Tuesday. However, there was "not a lot of interest in the Senate," and the bill went nowhere until 2019 when a similar proposal passed both houses.

While it passed both the Assembly and the Senate in 2019, the bill was vetoed by then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo amid a budget shortfall to send a message about not increasing taxes, Thiele said.

The current legislation again passed both houses earlier this year. Governor Hochul called for the bill in September, shortly after she took office, at a time when the governor's office was very focused on housing issues. Town leaders signed a letter in an effort to make a compelling case for the legislation.

"Governor Hochul is committed to making housing more affordable across New York," according to a spokesperson. "This new law will allow the Peconic Bay towns to create community housing funds, a major step to expand housing affordability on the East End."

"I wish we had been able to get this authority to the towns earlier," Thiele said. "Even if it had been

signed in 2019, \$50 million would have been generated in the last 18 months."

Now the ball is in the court of the towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island and Southold.

"The best part about this bill is it doesn't just provide the funding but allows the towns to build new stock and give them the tools to make the existing stock more affordable," Thiele said.

The procedures are also somewhat similar to the CPF. Each town will have to prepare a community housing plan that will outline for the public how the municipality will use the fund.

"The good news on that, at least on the South Fork, the towns have been working on housing plans and housing initiatives. They are in a good position to put that plan together," he said.

Next, each town will have to pass a local law that will create the fund and impose the tax. It is subject to a mandatory referendum.

Of course, there is no time to get on the ballot for Election Day. Thiele said the towns can choose to hold a special election sometime before November 2022's general election, but that is not his recommendation due to low voter-turnout for special elections.

"Look at school board elections, if you get 15 to 20% to turn out that's a lot," he said. "My recommendation would be to do it next November."

Since it is going to take some time to create the housing plans and create these local laws, Thiele said the municipalities should use the time for public outreach, which he feels is critical to make this program a success.

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Driver Sped 106 MPH Before Fatal Quogue Crash, Cops Say

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A driver was speeding about 106 miles per hour — more than triple the speed limit — moments before causing the head-on crash that killed five in Quogue this summer, police said.

Quogue Village Police released the data from the Event Data Recorders, commonly known as the black box, of both vehicles, which showed 22-year-old Justin Mendez of Brookhaven drove his Nissan Maxima westbound on Montauk Highway at that speed 3.5 seconds before veering into the opposite lane of traffic and colliding with an eastbound Toyota Prius at 11:19 p.m. on July 24. The black box in Mendez's Maxima showed no indication of braking before the crash, police added.

"I did not realize until after my headlights had illuminated the vehicle that the red car had no lights on and was completely blacked out," a witness told investigators, according to police. "When this vehicle passed me, it ... sounded like a race car, taking my breath away."

Because police officers had been trying to pull over Mendez shortly before the crash, the New York State Attorney General's office reviewed the evidence, but found that there was no reason to pursue action against the officer, authorities said.

The speed of the Toyota Prius at the time of collision was 38 mph approximately four seconds prior to impact with braking, police added. The Uber driver behind the wheel of the Prius, 32-year-old Farhan Zahid of Bay Shore, and three of his passengers were pronounced dead at the scene. The passengers included three Manhasset men: 25-year-old Ryan Kiess, 20-year-old Michael Farrell and his 25-year-old brother James Farrell. Mendez died shortly after the crash. A Garden City woman in the Prius, who was seriously injured, was the lone survivor.

A GoFundMe page was also set up for the woman and Zahid, a married father of three. And Kurt Kiess, the father of one of the victims, previously put Suffolk County on notice that he plans to file a \$40 million lawsuit for alleged negligence for not building a barrier between the two lanes of traffic. He also questioned the information that police released.

"It also should be noted that the police only released certain facts," he said. "There are many facts omitted, which are very relevant, such as the speed and training of the officer."

Pindar Field Workers Form NY's First Farm Union

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A dozen agricultural workers at Pindar Vineyards in Peconic were certified last month as the first farm workers union in New York State.

The state Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) certified on September 27 Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW to represent the vineyard's 12 field workers following the 2019 passage of the Farm Laborers Fair Labor Practices Act, which grants agricultural workers the right to collectively bargain for the first time.

"PERB's historic certification is the next step in securing dignity and respect for the essential workers who ensure we have food and beverages on our tables," said John Durso, president of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, who added that "agricultural workers needed key protections that they have lacked for decades, including the right to join a union."



PINDAR VINEYARDS

Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW represents approximately 13,000 workers in a variety of industries statewide, including food retail, pharmaceutical retail, healthcare, human services, transportation and medical cannabis.

"For far too long, farmworkers have worked to nourish our communi-



NEW LOCAL 338 RWDSU/UFCW MEMBERS AT PINDAR VINEYARDS IN PECONIC

ties without necessary workplace protections for themselves or their families," said Stuart Appelbaum, president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU). "It was a decades-long struggle to win farmworkers' right to organize in this state, and now workers at Pindar Vineyards are seeing the seeds they planted come to fruition by becoming the first in the state to be recognized as a union. Now they can begin negotiating the first-ever union contract for farm workers in New York."

Labor leaders anticipate more farm workers will unionize as a result. Pindar did not respond to a request for comment. The workers celebrated their certification.

"My coworkers at Pindar and I joined Local 338 because we want dignity and respect," said Rodolfo M., Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW member and worker at Pindar Vineyards. "Our work should be valued and only by receiving equal treatment and things like sick days and paid time off to spend with our loved ones will it be. We know that being a union member will help us get the recognition we deserve for all of our efforts."

Contractor Admits Stealing From Riverhead Workers

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The co-owner of a construction company has admitted to his role in stealing benefits owed to union construction workers hired for a project at Pulaski Street Elementary School in Riverhead.

Edwin Hutzler, 57, of Bellport, who is a co-owner of Ronkonkoma-based Triple H Concrete Corp., pleaded guilty at Suffolk County court on August 4 to perjury in connection with the theft and is required to pay restitution to the General Building Laborers Local 66 Trust Fund.

"Workers deserve to be paid what they're owed for the work they do; it's that simple," Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy Sini said. "It is illegal — and frankly immoral — for a company to steal those funds and turn a profit off the backs of workers."

The company and Edwin's 85-year-old father Frederick Hutzler, who's also a co-owner, previously pleaded guilty to grand larceny and were sentenced October 6 to five years of probation.

Prosecutors said Triple H Concrete Corp. employed 23 members of General Building Laborers Local 66 on several public works construction projects in Suffolk but failed to remit \$280,908.74 in supplemental benefits to the union's trust fund on behalf of the employees between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2015. Additionally, Edwin signed a certified payroll submitted on a public works project at the school in Riverhead which he knew contained false information on August 16, 2016, authorities said.

Suffolk Judge Karen Kerr ordered the elder Hutzler and Triple H to pay \$210,908.74 in restitution. The company was also fined \$10,000. Edwin and his brother Frederick Hutzler each paid \$35,000 in up-front restitution to the fund before they pleaded guilty.

As a result of the convictions, Triple H Concrete Corp. is barred from bidding on public works projects for five years. Edwin is scheduled to be sentenced on August 2, 2022.

DAN'S COLUMN

Airport Fibs

BY DAN RATTINER

The Town of East Hampton is considering closing East Hampton Airport. It owns the place. So, presumably, it could do that.

Other people in town want it to stay open. It's a big decision. I think it's reasonable to discuss this. At the same time, Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc has hired experts to provide "facts" to a variety of committees he's set up to advise him on what to do. Unfortunately, many of these "facts" are wrong, often tilted to the side of closing the airport. Many such inaccuracies appeared in a full-color "close the airport" flier which appeared in my mailbox last week.

Be it known that I am a taxpayer and permanent resident of East Hampton for more than 60 years. Here are the lies.

"The Airport Brings No Real Economic Benefit to East Hampton."

FACT: A study ordered looks only at impacts to East Hampton Township. But the township is only a small part of the whole community where the impact of closing the airport will occur. There will be dramatic economic impacts to Montauk, Amagansett, Springs, Pantigo, Wainscott, Sag Harbor and Southampton. East Hampton Village was not even included in the study.

"The Airport Contaminates Groundwater and Georgica Pond. (It's) a Superfund Site in Need of Remediation."

FACT: The airport has not been declared a superfund site. The problem occurs in the use of fire-fighting foam at the East Hampton Town Fire District Training Facility on the other side of Industrial Road from the airport. For every session, they set things on fire and put it out with foam. They've been doing this for decades. This has been declared a superfund site.



"Year After Year, Airport Traffic Has Increased."

FACT: The number of landings and takeoffs this past year is almost exactly the same as it was

20 years ago, according to an airport official. It hasn't changed. What has changed is the composition of what comes and goes. Twenty years ago, there were practically no helicopter takeoffs and landings. Now 40% of the takeoffs and landings are by helicopters, which often noisily circle around overhead awaiting their turn to land. This is the crux of the problem! More about this in the next "fact."

"The FAA Will Not Allow Any Modifications to Affect Who Is Allowed to Use the Airport. This Includes Helicopters."

FACT: Amazon, which has built warehouses alongside Gabreski Airport in Westhampton, was told it may not land cargo planes at that airport. At other airports, such as the Coeur d'Alene Airport in Idaho and the Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport in Colorado, groups that include all the stakeholders (including the FAA) meet together to decide on the rules. Here, the town refuses to attend such meetings. Other airports have landing slots that limit helicopter traffic. The helicopter firms trade these slots. Without a slot, they can't schedule a flight. A recent meeting created an acceptable compromise with the North Fork authorities. Why not try that?

"Loud, Unsafe, Relentless and Open 24/7."

FACT: Sounds like the road I live on, which is Three Mile Harbor Road. Certainly it applies to all highways here. Shall we now build a toll gate at the canal?

"For the First Time in 20 Years, Residents of East Hampton Have a Say in the Future of the East Hampton Airport."

FACT: Or do they? The airport is made up of adjacent 300-acre parcels. In 1937, the first parcel was sold by the county to the town so an airport could be founded as a federal WPA project. The second parcel was sold to the town in 1941 by a man named Arnold E. Mulford, and the sale document says it's to be used to expand the airport. And if not? The descendants of the Mulfords might be able to buy it back for that amount. (If I were a descendant and could buy 300 acres for \$1, I'd jump at the chance.)

Then there is the protocol. According to East Hampton Aviation Association Vice President Kathryn Slye, in 1990, East Hampton signed a protocol forbidding it from changing any flight rules without FAA permission. This protocol resulted in a court decision in 2015 swatting down flight rule changes which the town had decided upon unilaterally, without consultation with a local flyers group, among others. One new rule announced an 11 p.m. curfew, enforced as a criminal (not civil) offense with a \$10,000 fine for each infraction. Pilots convicted of criminal offenses lost their pilot's license. Of course, such a thing could not stand.

"The Airport Noise Is Staggering."

FACT: People file a complaint by pressing a button on their computers. There are twice as many complaints as there are airport takeoffs and landings. A study done shows that 10 people, pressing the button over and over, make up 40% of the complaints. (In 2020, one person pressed the button 30 times a day for 90 days.) And 30% of the complaints were of planes overhead that didn't even land or take off at East Hampton. Are 10 people creating a "crisis" to sway the town?



EAST HAMPTON TOWN AIRPORT

JAMES J. MACKIN

"It's Time to Take Action and Close the East Hampton Airport!"

OPINION: OK, this is an opinion. Those publishing the flyer have their right to it. But it is incorrect to say that now is the time. If the town now has the right to close the airport, that is the beginning of the time they could act to do so. The town is angry that its restrictions of 2015 got shot down. In my book, it is never a good idea to do anything important while angry.

Here are other things being banded about that are incorrect.


"We Must Create a Sanctuary for Birds and Other Animals. They Are Terrified by the Noise at the Airport."

FACT: An eastern bluebird recovery program is at the airport. Bluebirds are endangered. Since the beginning of 2016, according to nature columnist Larry Penny, the airport's yearly eastern bluebird production has averaged more than 100 per year. Also found on the airport grounds are eagles, hawks, deer, turkeys and foxes, all apparently undeterred by any noise emanating from the airport.

"The Townspeople Want the Airport Closed."

FACT: Not the people I've spoken to. Everyone I've asked says keep it open but make it less noisy. Maybe there should be a referendum. We had one in 1989 when the town supervisor asked the townspeople to do just that about the design of the airport terminal.

Now, however, Supervisor Van Scoyoc and his board will decide whether to close the airport. They've got an election coming in November. So it's politics.



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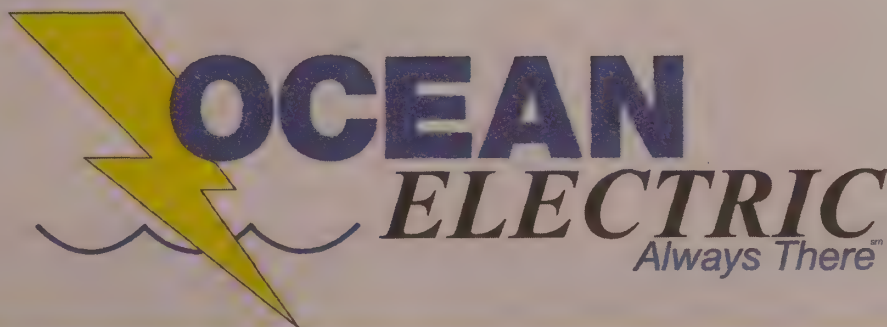
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SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TIM SINI'S OFFICE WAS PART OF A THREE-WEEK INVESTIGATION THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF A COUPLE LINKED TO THE OVERDOSE OF A RIVERHEAD MAN IN APRIL.

Suffolk Showdown:

County Legislative, Law Enforcement Posts on Ballots This Election Day

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Voters will decide dozens of pivotal local races across the East End in the upcoming elections, including two Suffolk County legislative seats and a pair of key countywide law enforcement leadership posts.

Among the Hamptons and North Fork races to watch are Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming (D-Noyac) running for re-election against Republican challenger Robert J. Carpenter III, and Suffolk Legislator Al Krupski (D-Cutchogue) in a rematch against GOP candidate Remy Bell. Topping the ticket will be Democratic Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy Sini facing GOP rival Raymond Tierney, a former federal and county prosecutor. And Democratic Suffolk Sheriff Errol Toulon Jr. has a challenge

from Republican William Amato.

Also up this election cycle are all 18 county legislative seats and a plethora of town-level contests. Local judicial races will also be on ballots, but local Democratic and Republican leaders largely cross-endorse each other's candidates in these races well before the elections, leaving voters no real choice other than a longshot write-in candidate.

KRUPSKI V. BELL

Krupski, the first farmer elected to the county legislature — he runs Krupski Farms in Peconic — draws on his decades of experience as a former Southold town trustee and board member as representative of the county's first legislative district, which covers the North Fork.

As chair of the public works committee, he is run-

ning for his fourth full term after first winning his seat in a 2013 special election. Representing the legislature's most rural district, his priorities include open space preservation, improving water quality, maintaining county services and protecting the region's agricultural industry.

"Less than 2% of the population farms in this country, but you need to have that land available," Krupski said. "We need to, as a nation, produce our own food, so we have our own food security, but it's become more of a challenge as less and less people actually farm."

Bell, a former Riverhead GOP chair, Suffolk Board of Elections clerk and perennial candidate who's repeatedly challenged Krupski, among others, did not respond to requests for comment.

"The environment is the number one issue," Bell told *The Suffolk Times* in 2015. "We also have to look at bringing better paying jobs to the North Fork and the entire legislative district so young people can stay here and afford to live here."

FLEMING V. CARPENTER

Fleming, an ex-Manhattan prosecutor and former Southampton town board member who chairs the legislature's powerful ways and means committee, is

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seeking a fourth term representing the second legislative district, which spans the South Fork.

She touts her efforts to replace outdated septic systems that contribute to harmful brown tides, increase public transportation options and manage the tick population as accomplishments she believes are reasons that voters should re-elect her.

"My primary focus for so many years has been on protecting and defending our natural environment," Fleming said. "I will continue to work hard on the challenges that we're facing because of climate change from both mitigating impacts with coastal resiliency ... but then also doing what we can to prevent the increase of climate change (by) increasing our renewable energy portfolio."

Fleming is also seeking the Democratic nomination in the 2022 race to replace U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley), who is likely vacating his congressional district representing the entire East End now that he's the GOP frontrunner in next year's gubernatorial race in which he's seeking to oust Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul. It's Fleming's second bid for Zeldin's seat.

Carpenter did not respond to requests for comment.

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and North Fork has scheduled a Zoom debate between Carpenter and Fleming for 7 p.m. October 18. It will also air on SEA-TV Southampton's YouTube channel, youtube.com/c/SeaTVSouthampton.

SINI V. TIERNEY

Sini, the county's first-term district attorney who was elected with a mandate to reform the office as his predecessor Tom Spota was convicted of corruption, is seeking re-election against Tierney, a former prosecutor who questions if Sini is up for the job.

Sini is a former commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department and ex-federal prosecutor who has overseen high-profile cases against the notoriously violent MS-13 street gang and the district attorney's East End Drug Task Force and launched the office's first-ever conviction integrity bureau. But Tierney says Sini's office blew a chance to arrest the alleged drug dealers accused of selling the fentanyl-based cocaine that authorities blamed for causing a half dozen fatal overdoses on the North Fork this summer — arrests, Tierney argues, could have been made before the fatalities.

"Tim Sini had at least four opportunities in the past 10 months to put (the suspected dealers) behind bars on felony charges and he failed to act," Tierney told reporters during a news conference in September, arguing that authorities had probable cause to arrest the suspects before the overdoses.

Sini countered that Tierney is distorting the facts of the cases and blamed judges for rebuffing prosecutors' requests to impose high bail that would have kept the suspects off of the streets prior to the overdoses. Tierney had also taken issue with New York State's bail reform, which has resulted in some cases of recidivists committing additional offenses at

a time when they would have previously been jailed pending trial on their initial charges.

"Our mission is to make our office a national model, to seek justice in every single case and to make Suffolk County as safe as possible," Sini says. "We've accomplished all of this, despite the fact that we came into an office that was a mess, we saw the biggest change to criminal procedure law in a generation, and we had the pandemic. But despite these challenges, we're getting the people's work done."

TOULON V. AMATO

The district attorney's race isn't the only county-wide law enforcement post with implications for the East End that will appear on ballots this fall: So is the Suffolk sheriff's seat, which is headquartered in Riverhead.

First-term Sheriff Toulon, the first Black man to lead the office, is a seasoned corrections professional who oversees the care and custody of hundreds of people incarcerated at county jails in Riverhead and Yaphank. His deputies and officers also carry out evictions, enforce court orders and patrol courthouse grounds, among other duties. But managing the jail amid the COVID-19 pandemic has proven the biggest challenge of his term.

His opponent, Amato, could not be reached for comment and is reportedly not actively campaigning for office.

Election Day falls on November 2 this year and the early voting period runs from October 23–31. To find your polling place, visit suffolkcountyny.gov.



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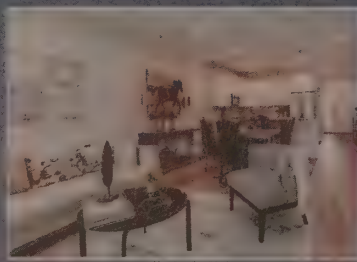
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The Legendary Boardy Barn Up for Sale



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BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Boardy Barn in Hampton Bays, with its beer-soaked barn and dance floor, has been put on the market after more than 50 years under the same ownership.

A favorite destination for those looking to drink, dance and have a good time on a Sunday (yes, that was the only day it was open), the Boardy Barn's 2.6-acre parcel, including a legal tent behind the main building, is a prime piece of commercial real estate.

The property at 270 W. Montauk Highway, west of The Hamlet Green shopping center, was listed exclusively with Jones Lang LaSalle, a commercial property management company. The price is available upon request. Representatives with Jones Lang LaSalle did not return a request for comment.

"While the property offers investors the opportunity for redevelopment, the site can also remain as one of the East End's premier hospitality destinations," the listing states. "The property can be delivered vacant at closing, offering a tremendous end

user/development opportunity."

"The barn," as it is affectionately known, first opened on April 16, 1970, in the same building, under the same ownership, according to its website. Its predecessor was called Foxy's in 1969.

"Beer was inexpensive and sold in glass mugs," the business' history on its website reads. "The original bars were the two inside ... the infamous 'Square Bar' and the 'Moose Bar' (the bar next to the dance floor that has gone by a few names ('Olde Towne Bar' and 'Malt Shop Bar') to name a few. Incidentally, the dance floor back then was concrete and not sunken as it is now."

The barn used to sell food, such as hamburgers and even knockwurst. Now, it sells pretzels and hot dogs to go with the cheap beers, alcohol and shots.

In a statement to *News 12 Long Island*, the owners, who are, according to property records, Anthony M. Galgano Jr. and Michael T. Shields, said, "Words could never convey how grateful we are to our loyal customers, friends and family from over the decades who make the barn such a special place."

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BOARDY BARN IN HAMPTON BAYS

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The property is zoned highway business and offers 270 feet of frontage on the busy thoroughfare.

The existing main building is 4,000 square feet, but the tent/patio area, where most of the revelry occurs, offers more than 12,000 square feet. The business has an approved occupancy of 720 seats and 1,488 people standing, according to the listing. There are 33 parking spaces on the property.

Real estate takes are \$31,261.

The barn closed for the summer season, as it usually does, in September. The question now is will it reopen if it doesn't find a buyer by next summer? The owners did write on its Facebook page, "Think about the summer of 2022!!!"

Boardy Barn fans ought to find that encouraging.

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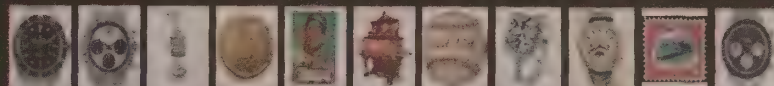
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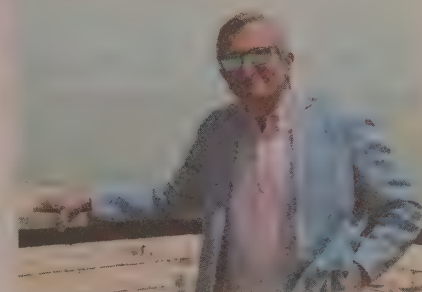
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Hamlet	Seller	Purchaser	Address	Property	Closing Date	Price
Amagansett	Derek & Roxanne Stewart	Brooke & Nicholas Bohnsack	14 Shipwreck Drive	Residence	08/02/21	5,700,000
Baiting Hollow	63 Bay View LLC	Joseph Flotterton	63 Bay View Avenue	Residence	04/08/21	750,000
Bridgehampton	Jennifer Thompson	Michael & Susan Sciglibaglio	3101 Bluffs Drive South	Condo	07/26/21	469,000
Calverton	Wendy Bernstein	Barbara & Peter Stahl	11 Warner Court	Vacant	07/14/21	80,000
Cutchogue	Christopher Mitchell	25 Quimby Lane LLC	25 Quimby Lane	Residence	08/31/21	25,000,000
Cutchogue	Highland Terrace LLC	Duomo LLC	72 Highland Terrace	Residence	08/04/21	19,250,000
East Hampton	Jason Kankel	Peter Aruanno	78 Williams Way South	Residence	04/22/21	480,000
	65 Commerce Drive LLC	North Fork Storage LLC	65 Commerce Drive	Commercial	07/30/21	3,966,560
	Barbara & James Anderson	AMP Development LLC	1030 Horseshoe Drive	Residence	06/29/21	540,000
	Marilyn Hillman	Saizar LLC	992 Springs Fireplace Road	Residence	08/05/21	5,150,000
	Robert E Niederlander	CG85 LLC	104 Georgica Close Road	Residence	06/18/21	5,000,000
	IQ East Hampton LLC	Adam & Amanda Hinckley	30 Grant Avenue	Residence	08/27/21	3,200,000
	Courtney & Thomas Fennimore	Fieldview Lane LLC	27 Fieldview Lane	Residence	06/09/21	2,930,000
	Adrian East	Glenn & Stacy Medvin	225 Old Northwest Road	Residence	06/17/21	2,470,000
	Eugenia Kim	Kirk McMurray	1 Deer Haven Court	Residence	07/22/21	1,500,000
	Lizi Li	Ian Woodcock	2 Gallatin Lane	Residence	09/09/21	1,482,730
	92SB LLC	Darshan Dalal	92 Springy Banks Road	Residence	08/27/21	1,395,000
	One Washington Avenue LLC	10 Walton Street LLC	10 Walton Street	Residence	08/06/21	1,000,000
	Carole & Charles Reisman	Maria Guanga	115 Harbor Blvd	Residence	07/15/21	735,000
	Patricia Poldino	Christopher & Liz Tucci	18 Wildflower Road	Vacant	07/29/21	585,000
	Paul Porco Custom Homes Inc	Nicholas Bilodeau	6 Whooping Hollow Road	Vacant	09/20/21	550,000
	Christopher E Schenck	Jorge Balarezo	9 17th Street	Residence	07/08/21	540,750
	Dorothy Kniazky Trust	10 Crandall LLC	10 Crandall Street	Residence	05/28/21	325,000
East Marion	Hector & Linda Colombo	Corinna Durland	1500 Trumans Path	Residence	07/20/21	775,000
East Quogue	William Zysblat	Atlantic Oceanview LLC	83 Dune Road	Residence	08/31/21	18,750,000
	William T MacPherson	Dana Robinson	6 Harrison Terrace	Residence	09/14/21	786,000
Greenport	Irene & Michael Martinolich	Wyandanch Real Estate Corp	520 Green Hill Lane	Vacant	05/24/21	395,000
Hampton Bays	Eileen & Peter Charos	Erik Lopez	8 Kennedy Lane	Residence	08/11/21	787,500
	Miceli Tekel Family Trust	Kevin R Geddie	28 Ponquogue Avenue	Residence	08/23/21	783,500
	Kevin Sullivan	Luis Pineda	10 Periwinkle Lane	Residence	08/10/21	505,000
	Mullarkey Family Trust	Alejandro Buritica	10 Harvard Drive	Residence	07/08/21	450,000
	5 Ridge Lane LLC	5 Ridge LLC	5 Ridge Lane	Residence	09/01/21	367,500
	Anita Waldner	PSC Management LLC	104 Squiretown Road	Residence	06/02/21	332,500
Jamesport	Edward Hansson	Michael & Vasiliki Lagudis	121 Herricks Lane	Residence	07/30/21	575,000
Mattituck	Demetroula & Michael Psyllos	Zachary Kilgore	1435 West Mill Road	Residence	07/06/21	1,295,000
	David & Stephen Eckartz	Felicia Tenedios-Karanikolas	315 Sound Avenue	Residence	06/21/21	640,000
	Estate of Paul Taylor	White Sands Rentals LLC	3505 Soundview Avenue	Vacant	08/13/21	280,000
Montauk	Lois Markle	Lauren & Rick Thiounn	17 Fir Lane	Residence	08/04/21	1,600,000
	Joseph & Karen Mistina	Brian Egee	165 West Lake Drive	Residence	08/05/21	935,000
	Estate of Paul Apostolos	Anne L Walker	166 Greenwich Street	Vacant	07/29/21	400,000
New Suffolk	Richard & Sandra Gannon	Nicolas DeCrosset	75 Kourous Road	Vacant	09/10/21	400,000
North Haven	Rebeca Rios-Kohn	Anita Somayaji	28 Bay View Drive North	Residence	06/01/21	1,685,000
	Ryan & Tara O'Malley	Joan Caspi	219 Ferry Road	Residence	08/11/21	1,450,000
	Karen A Chrisman	122 Ferry Road LLC	122 Ferry Road	Vacant	07/08/21	548,250
Peconic	Brenda & Charles Grimes	Phyllis Sousa	4145 Wells Road	Residence	08/20/21	2,998,500
Quogue	Deanna Sukey	Pratt Avenue LLC	55 Quaquanantuck Lane	Residence	06/30/21	4,750,000
	Catherine & Paul Kaneb	John & Marie O'Neill	7 Beach Lane	Residence	09/03/21	2,375,000
	John O Utendahl	15 Pheasant Run Quogue LLC	15 Pheasant Run	Residence	06/02/21	1,690,000
Remsenburg	43 Main WHB LLC	Dana & Randall Wiston	4 Webb Court	Residence	06/30/21	650,000
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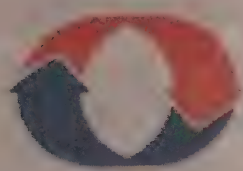


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Sag Harbor	Edward & Kathleen Eberle	Carlos Pirir	23 Moet Drive	Residence	10/20/20	515,000
	IHLS Corp	214 Roanoke LLC	214 Roanoke Avenue	Commercial	07/16/21	465,000
	Elaine Heitmann Trust	Georgia Keiffert	4105 Saint Andrews Avenue	Condo	06/14/21	437,500
	Ellen Lear	Kismet Adams	3702 Amen Corner	Condo	07/29/21	425,000
	USA	Cole McClancy	1600 Osborn Avenue	Residence	08/04/21	406,300
	Segundo Barreto	Eldin Morataya	33 Brown Street	Residence	04/20/21	320,000
	Amjad Realty Inc	Community LD LLC	1359 Pulaski Street	Vacant	08/11/21	77,000
	FRB1 LLC	11 Bridge Street LLC	11 Bridge Street	Commercial	09/01/21	8,000,000
	Benjamin Cohen	Catherine Stone	4 Wildwood Drive	Residence	09/09/21	2,915,000
	Brian & Kelly DeSesa	Alan Reifenberg	91 Harrison Street	Residence	08/04/21	2,495,000
	Estate of Joan Tembeck	Blake L Sweeney	8 Round Pond Lane	Residence	08/09/21	1,700,000
	48 Grand Street Holdings LLC	Three J's RE Holdings LLC	48 Grand Street	Residence	04/15/21	1,550,000
	Robert & Susan Ratcliffe	Gregory Taddeo	31 Harbor Cove Court	Residence	08/03/21	1,477,500
	Angelo Toscano	Lady Luck Southampton LLC	1085 Millstone Road	Vacant	05/21/21	700,000
	108 Harbor Watch Court LLC	Harbor Watch Development LLC	108 Harbor Watch Court	Vacant	08/09/21	575,000
Sagaponack	1000 Marlene Corp	Grand International Realty LLC	2 Chestnut Street	Residence	06/25/21	387,500
	Paul Granger	1000 Marlene Corp	2 Chestnut Street	Residence	06/22/21	380,000
	Estate of Fred Hakim	63 Glenwood LLC	63 Glenwood Lane	Vacant	07/02/21	1,425,000
Shelter Island	Joel & Renee Sugar	Axelle Destaing	55 Smith Street	Residence	07/30/21	795,000
	Estate of Dianne McGayhey	Eric Hensley	84 North Cartwright Road	Residence	08/27/21	735,000
Shelter Island Heights	Estate of Martha Williams	Robert Malin	10 Bluff Avenue	Residence	08/06/21	2,400,000
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Southampton	Daniel Rush	Primrose MKB LLC	13 Primrose Place	Residence	07/02/21	1,350,000
	Deirdre & Patrick Higgins	Lee Kruter	370 Great Plains Road	Residence	06/28/21	6,750,000
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	Janet Speed	Petch Rupp Zupp LLC	129 Noyack Road	Commercial	08/23/21	900,000
	William Diehl Trust	Halina & Leslaw Rokosz	18 Cheviot Road	Vacant	07/08/21	744,800
	Barbara Marsh	Fanny Prado	8 Justan Avenue	Residence	06/04/21	730,000
	Bank of New York	LVL Distribution LLC	627 Montauk Highway	Residence	07/17/20	288,750
	Melissa & Richard Albanese	Dominick & Janet Bellezza	20 Seawood Drive	Residence	07/09/21	835,000
	Despina Athanasiadis	6179 Sound Avenue LLC	3700 Kenneys Road	Residence	07/30/21	799,000
	Sharyn Ofrias	Marco Palencia	7985 Main Bayview Road	Residence	08/19/21	390,000
	Mileva Gobic	Roberts Property Development LLC	465 Mailer Court	Vacant	08/06/21	305,000
Wading River	Mileva & Miroslav Gobic	Roberts Premier Development LLC	565 Mailer Court	Vacant	08/06/21	300,000
	Harry Stylianou	Used To Be Potatoes LLC	3670 Kenneys Road	Vacant	07/30/21	161,000
	Kristine J Thomas	Richard V Acritelli	11 Pond View Drive	Residence	08/17/21	605,000
	Robert Fallot	Colleen & David Bofill	114 19th Street	Residence	07/07/21	235,000
	Andrew & Nikki Peck	Amir Naderi	524 Wainscott Northwest Road	Residence	07/15/21	2,350,000
	Erik & Julie Falk	91 & 103 Osprey LLC	91 Osprey Way	Residence	08/11/21	6,475,000
	91 & 103 Osprey LLC	Douglas Lipton	91 Osprey Way	Residence	08/11/21	6,000,000
	Erik & Julie Falk	91 & 103 Osprey LLC	103 Osprey Way	Vacant	08/11/21	525,000
	More Realty Management LLC	Buena Investors Group LLC	3 Sandpiper Court	Residence	06/14/21	4,325,000
	Steinschneider Family Building Partnership	Lilypad Holdings LLC	145 Dune Road	Residence	07/19/21	6,900,000
	Marilyn Pellegrino Trust	Joseph Perrotta	38 Rogers Avenue	Residence	09/02/21	1,200,000
	Aaron & Dana Weisbrod	Stephen Smith	203 Gettysburg Drive	Condo	05/28/21	865,000
	Gail & Peter Rosante	Eugene & Melissa Dombrowski	67 Hazelwood Avenue	Residence	08/11/21	730,000

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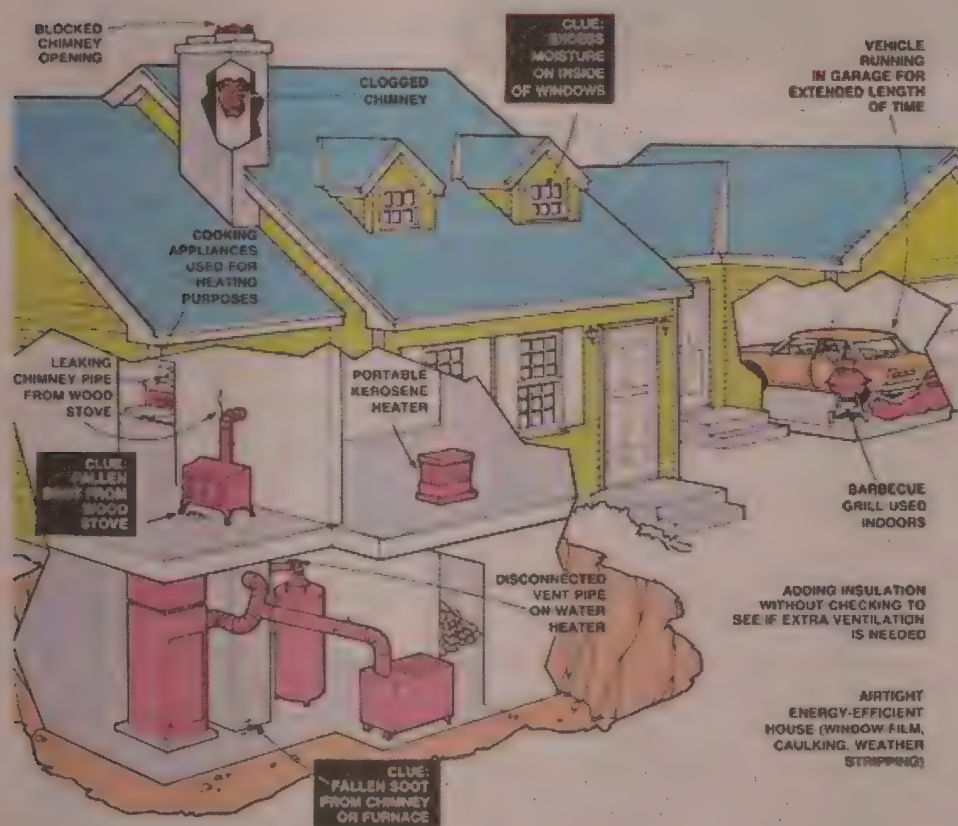
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- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness

Prevention tips:

- Make sure appliances are installed according to manufacturers instructions and local building codes.
- Have the heating system inspected and serviced annually.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector/alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skills, and tools.
- Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers for heating your home.
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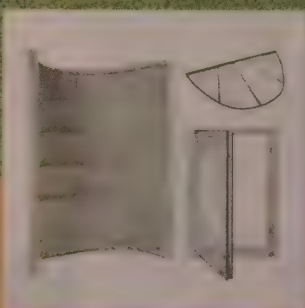
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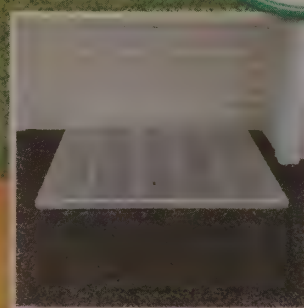
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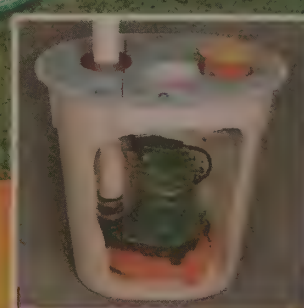
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

This Week's Cover Artist:

Joe Chierchio



JOE CHIERCHIO

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Hamptons artist Joe Chierchio returns for not one but two *Dan's Papers* covers — having designed the special Hamptons International Film Festival cover last week and the October 15, 2021, cover this week. That brings him to a whopping 31 *Dan's* covers throughout his incredible career! To mark the occasion, we chatted with him about this milestone, HIFF, duck decoys and more.

What is the name of this charming piece, and what inspired its creation?

"Decoy Ducks." The individuality of each hand-carved duck is a real work of art.

What is the narrative of this piece, and does it pull from any personal experience working with duck decoys?

I admire the form and artistry. Though I have never worked in this medium, I appreciate the design and form of each individual piece.

What makes this artwork such an ideal fit for a fall *Dan's Papers* cover?

Fall is the classic season for duck hunting.

You also designed last week's cover for the Hamptons International Film Festival issue. Tell us a little about that cover's inspiration and narrative.

Many films were shot on location at the Montauk Lighthouse. Two people are running to the lighthouse; it's up to the viewer — to the viewer's own fantasy — to interpret the story.

What is your favorite movie ever, and what about it stands out to you?

My favorite movie is *Casablanca*. I love the acting, the romance and the historical interest.

With more than 30 *Dan's Papers* covers under your belt, what's your secret to creating pictures that translate so well to cover art?

My secret is to create a visual narrative. The viewer is drawn in and can relate.

What new inspirations, settings or themes do you hope to explore in your art this fall?

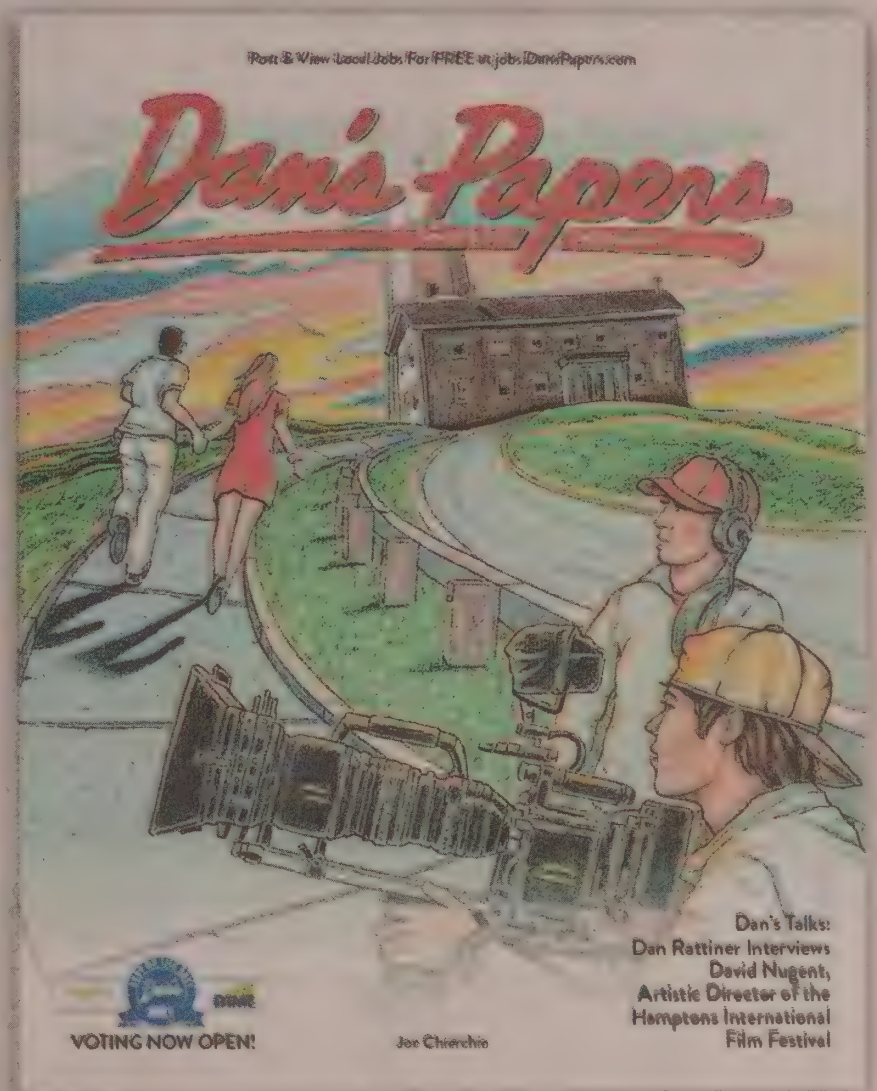
Life in the Hamptons is changing, of this I am well aware. It will be a surprise from where an inspiration will come. I look forward to that.

Where can your art be seen in the coming weeks?

My work can be seen at my studio in Water Mill by appointment at



ART BY JOE CHIERCHIO



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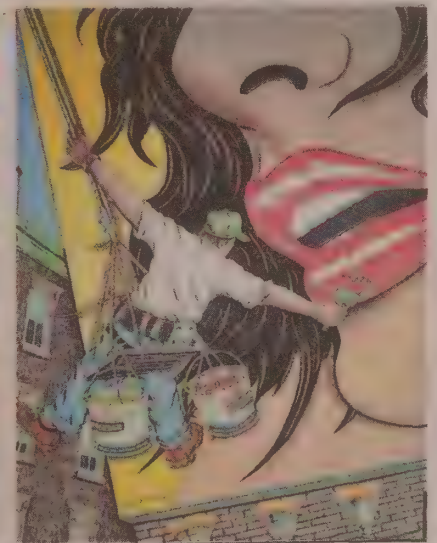
jchierchio@gmail.com and at Arthur T. Kalaher Fine Art on Jobs Lane in Southampton.

Would you like to share any closing thoughts?

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To learn more about Joe Chierchio and see his past *Dan's Papers* covers, visit joechierchioart.com.



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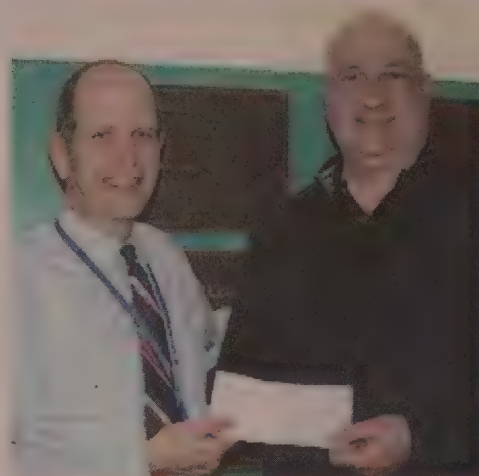
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Above: Dr. Michalos (right) making one of Hamptons Health Society's numerous donations to improve care and services at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Photo courtesy of Southampton Hospital (At left is Robert Chaloner, the hospital's Chief Administrative Officer and past Business Alliance Person of the Year.

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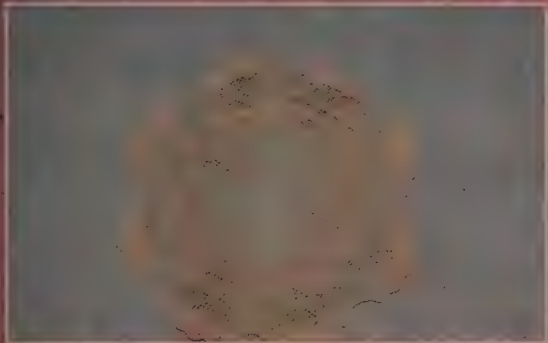
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Vietnam Veteran John Melillo Finds Healing Through Art



JOHN MELILLO, 2019

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BY OLIVER PETERSON

When Eastport resident John Melillo retired after 45 years of working, never really stopping to take stock or smell the proverbial flowers, something dark began slithering its way back into his life. Long suppressed memories of his Vietnam War service began to invade the veteran's dreams and eventually seeped into his days as harrowing flashbacks he couldn't seem to shake. Then something happened — Melillo discovered an untapped well of artistic talent within him, dove in head-first and followed its path toward healing.

Today, four years after his retirement, Melillo is enjoying his creative side and proudly showing 70 paintings, including a series directly addressing his Vietnam experience, in his aptly titled exhibition *Life Goes On* at Southampton Cultural Center through November 3.

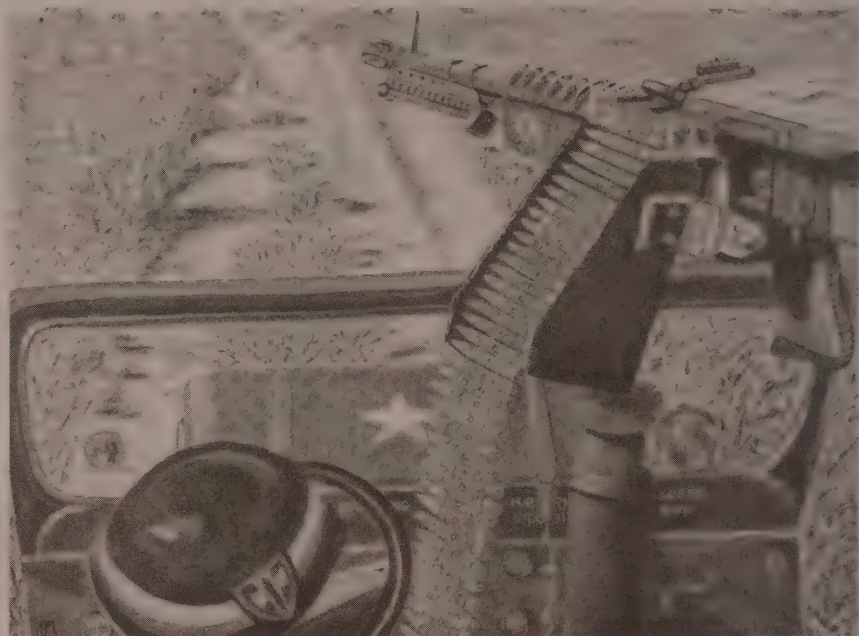
Things are much better for the artist and veteran after several years of honing his new craft, but it required hard work, dedication and relentless focus

to get here.

Melillo graduated Cornell in 1969 and joined the workforce, but he was drafted the following year and shipped off to Vietnam to serve as an MP (Military Police) at Long Binh Post, the largest U.S. base in the country. From 1970 to 1972, the young soldier encountered a wide range of difficult and painful situations on both sides of the wire that left an indelible mark, but he hid them away and focused on work after the war.

"I came out in 1972 and I immediately found a job and went to New York City, and I ran this New York City race for 45 years," Melillo says, recalling his early days on Wall Street and then as a successful marketing and business development executive all the way up until his retirement. "I retired in 2017 and I slowed down, obviously, but I started having a lot of problems sleeping. I was not only having nightmares, I was starting to have daymares," he says, explaining how his new circumstances gave way to haunting and traumatic memories. "I didn't realize all those 45 years of running was really to mask some of the things that I experienced in my tour in Vietnam," Melillo continues. "When I slowed down, it just all hit me at one time, so I went to the VA and they diagnosed me with an acute case of PTSD."

As part of his recovery work, the VA gave Melillo an aptitude test, and he scored very high in art. "I never drew a straight line until about five years ago — I didn't know I had that ability," he muses. But Melillo fully embraced the advice and, with help from the VA, enrolled in as many art classes as he could, including workshops at the New York Academy of Art, School of Visual Arts, The Art Students League of New York and Art League of Long Island. He even audited classes at Suffolk County Community College. "I'm goal oriented," he says, pointing out that he was making up for lost time



"IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIS" BY JOHN MELILLO

COURTESY JOHN MELILLO

with the classes, and it was working.

"I found a solace and healing in being able to focus and create something. It definitely helped me cope with what I was dealing with."

The greatest breakthrough, however, came when Melillo, who painted almost exclusively from his own photographs, began to look for new subject matter in his old photos taken in Vietnam. "I hadn't looked at them in 45 years. And surprisingly enough to me ... the pictures I took were of the lighter side of Vietnam," he says. "I found Vietnam to be a beautiful country with beautiful people. Those pictures I took were of people herding their water buffalo, fishing, feeding their families, bathing their children ... so I started painting them."

These oil paintings, seven in total, became the linchpin for his Southampton Cultural Center exhibition, which also includes numerous pictures of life on Long Island. Each piece in the Vietnam series is displayed with its source photograph and a brief description of Melillo's related experience. Adding further context, his daughter Beth produced a short film, which plays on a continuous loop at the SCC gallery. It describes the reason he chose to paint the images, what they're about and how he painted them.

One such image, "The Caretaker," depicts a Vietnamese woman he found living in a grass hut in the jungle, caring for war orphans from both sides of the conflict. "She had about a dozen kids running around and they're all smiling, they're all well-dressed," Melillo recalls. "This woman made

life meaningful for these kids and it struck me as amazing, and I wanted to immortalize that picture, immortalize that woman."

Another painting — a black and white oil on plywood called "In Remembrance of Chris" — honors a 19-year-old MP who asked to take Melillo's place on patrol and was killed some four minutes later, leaving behind a wife and child in Texas. Each piece in the series is a little different from the others, but together they paint a larger picture.

Melillo says he hadn't talked about the war for more than four decades before he began painting these scenes, so it's more than a bit surprising to now find himself so engrossed in it. He notes that the VA calls this "prolonged exposure" and it can help. "We all have our Vietnams ... be it a death in the family, be it a car accident, be it something, we all have a situation, and life goes on. That's the whole theory of this painting series," Melillo says, adding later, "We're all in the same position looking to do the same thing, and that's heal and go forward."

Creating this work has done much to improve Melillo's life. "There are some results now. I'm just starting to catch my stride. We've had over 400 people come through this exhibit already, and I've sold a bunch of paintings," he reveals with pride. And while he's not yet sleeping soundly through every night, his daymares are a thing of the past.

Life Goes On is on view at Southampton Cultural Center Fri-Sun, noon-4 p.m., scc-arts.org. To see more of John Melillo's work, visit [@artfeelingsjm](https://www.instagram.com/artfeelingsjm) on Instagram.



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Claire was an extraordinary person who served as **Borough President of Queens** for 16 years. Even after her term was over, she continued to serve the borough until her death at 94 as the leader of the **Flushing Willets Point Corona Local Development Corporation**, overseeing the changing waterfront of that bustling community.

But most importantly, she was my best friend on Earth.

We met when I was fighting to open what was to become the first group home in **New York State** for children with developmental disabilities from the infamous **Willowbrook State School**. Under the Willowbrook consent decree, these children were to live in communities near their homes, but in home-like environments with day programs to serve their needs.

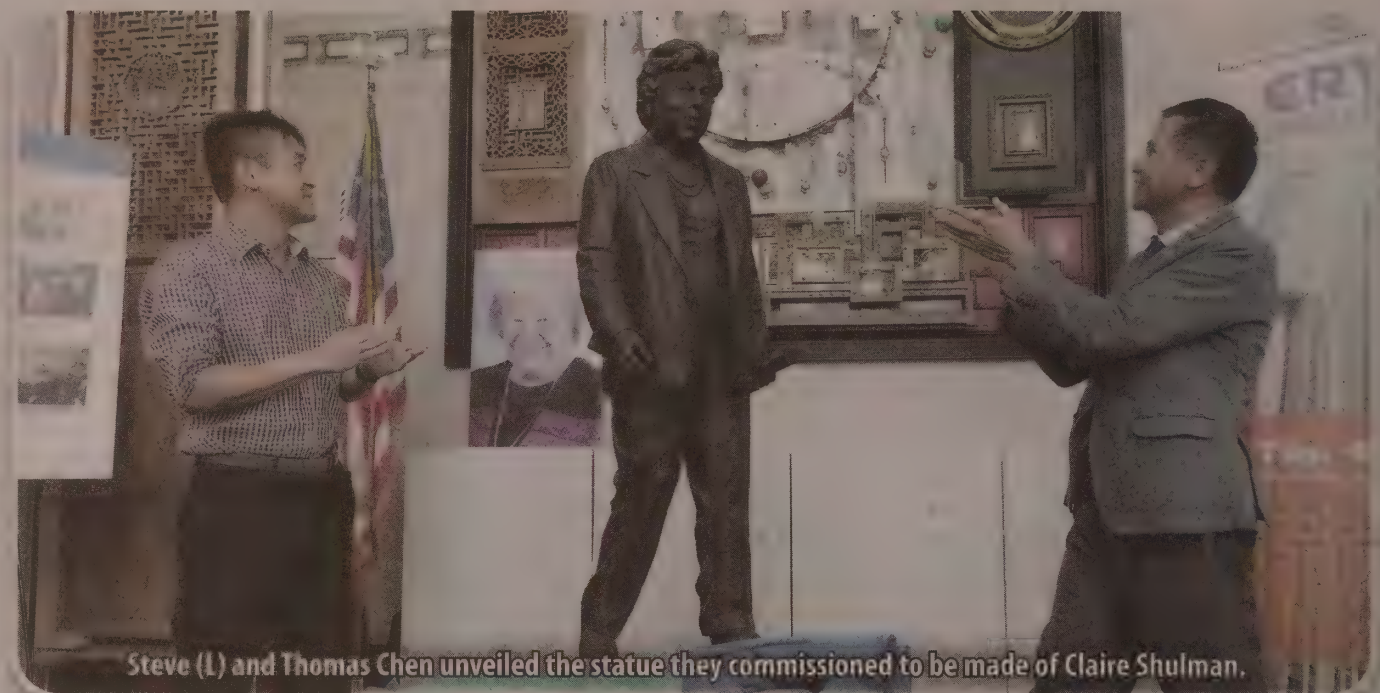
The neighbors near the home that **Life's WORC** purchased in **Little Neck** did not want us there and sued to stop us from being in their **R1-2** zoned neighborhood.

During that fractious time, I visited **Queens Borough Hall** and met with Claire, who was running the community board offices, with her boss being **Borough President Donald Manes**.

Sitting at the far end of her large and imposing wood-paneled room, Claire was a very intimidating figure, but we took to each other very quickly when she understood what my mission was.

Life's WORC won the lawsuit, giving every group home that followed the right to be in residential neighborhoods — and I won a lifelong friend.

From those chal-



Steve (L) and Thomas Chen unveiled the statue they commissioned to be made of Claire Shulman.

lenging days in the mid-1970s to the day she died just over a year ago, we were in almost daily contact.

As the years passed, we not only socialized locally, but also traveled the world together from Israel to China to Alaska, where we went for our last trip. Our husbands — both doctors — respected and appreciated each other, and that added to our friendship.

But I wasn't the only one Claire nurtured with her friendship. She was, by profession, a nurse, and she cared for and worried about an endless number of people throughout her lifetime.

During her political career, she met Thomas Chen, who was trying to create a building for his window manufacturing business in Queens after starting in his garage. He turned to Claire for help in achieving his dream. She mentored and guided him through the bureaucracy of city government, even making it possible for him to get the permits to open his latest manufacturing building, just as everything was closing and crashing down during the **COVID-19** pandemic.

A year before Claire died, Thomas told her he wanted to have an artist from Taiwan create a lifesize sculpture of her, and together we visited his 22-acre property upstate, where it would be placed. We had seen a sketch of the face, but never the entire figure.

Thomas, an extraordinary man, and his talented, brilliant son Steven endlessly show appreciation to the community for their great accomplishments in business. The family created a sculpture garden featuring the people who had helped the family achieve its success.

The day of Claire's sculpture unveiling was one I was looking forward

to, but it took me by surprise as the sheet dropped and revealed sculptor **Yutien Chang's** marvelous work, a powerful and moving bronze, 6-foot-tall, lifelike portrayal of my friend Claire.

He perfectly captured Claire's essence, with her looking ready to step into her next project! We all went "ooh" and "aah" as we looked upon her.

Thomas and Steven told the prestigious Queens leaders gathered for the unveiling that it would stay on exhibition in the lobby of his Whitestone factory until the end of October and then would have a permanent home on his upstate farm in Crystal Park.

As I reluctantly drove away, not wanting to leave her there, I thought, "Why not create a copy of the sculpture and keep it in Queens for everyone to see?"

I got on my car phone and called to ask the Chens what it would cost to make a replica. They told me, with shipping from Taiwan, where the artist works, it would cost \$35,000! I asked them to make sure the

artist saves the mold.

I want Claire here in Queens, where she inspired and made us all better people and transformed the borough into a better place.

After all, during her 16 years in leadership, she oversaw the construction of the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center**, the expansion of the **New York Hall of Science** and the **Queens Museum**, the creation of a swimming pool in **Flushing Meadows Corona Park** and the addition of \$100 million worth of sewers in **southeast Queens**, to name a few. She molded the face and future of Queens!

We must keep her powerful image in the borough she adored and shaped.

In a call with **Queens Borough President Donovan Richards**, he told me that he will work to allocate funds toward bringing Claire's statue home.

We will find a way to continue to see her strong, inspiring figure!

Stay tuned!



The statue perfectly captures the spirit of Claire!



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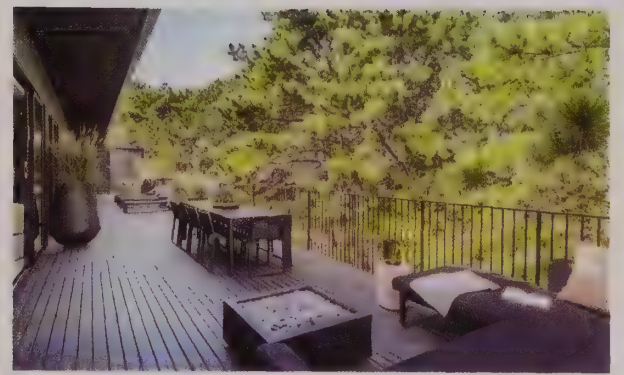
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The McCooley Olivieri team is keeping up with the demand on the South Fork, in an area of particular importance to their family.

MASTER CRAFTSMAN: RICKY SAETTA, ARTISAN WOODWORKER



A carpenter and wood finisher by trade, the Greenport native is now designing and fabricating wood store displays, signs, finishings and much more.

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The McCooey Olivieri Team
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Patrick M. McCooey and his stepson Alexander G. Olivieri have combined McCooey's years of experience and his success on Wall Street with Olivieri's marketing knowledge in a millennial world to cater to the luxury market from Manhattan to Montauk. At Compass last year, they created a team with that motto whose members have a combined 80 years' experience and have rapidly grown to do a total sales volume of \$350 million.

While the real estate boom during the COVID-19 pandemic had them busy, mainly in Nassau County, they are also keeping up with the demand farther east, in an area of particular importance to their family. In fact, the McCooey Olivieri Team's roots in Westhampton Beach run deep.

"My family was lucky enough to be out in the Hamptons all the way back to the '30s," says Patrick McCooey, the team's elder statesman. He has a photograph of then-Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt at a 1932 luncheon hosted by his grandfather, Brooklyn County Clerk John McCooey, at the family home on Dune Road.

When the 1938 hurricane made landfall on the East End, Patrick McCooey's grandmother was taking his father to prep school, but three of his uncles, young

children at the time, were there. The home was evacuated, McCooey relates, but his uncles got scared and ran back inside just before a wave washed the house across Quantuck Bay. "They were holding onto the widow's walk and the chimney," McCooey says. Miraculously, they survived.

His parents later rebuilt on that very Dune Road property and he has spent summers in Westhampton since he was born. His father was the founding member of the La Ronde Beach Club in Westhampton Beach and the family became ingrained in the community, he says.

"I know it like the back of my hand. I can definitely add value to those who want to buy or sell," McCooey says.

McCooey, who worked for two decades on Wall Street, dabbled in real estate on the side. He got his real estate license in 2006. "I started doing more and more real estate just by happenstance on a part-time basis. I started making almost as much money part time as I was at my full-time Wall Street job. I decided to focus on real estate full time and I've never looked back. An added bonus was not having to take the 5:40 a.m. train and getting home many nights at 8 or 9 p.m." he says of the move to commit to real estate 100 percent.

"It doesn't feel like work to me," he says. "Each day is different. Each transaction is different. Some of them can be huge and

can take no time at all. And some can be a \$200,000 co-op, and it takes much more time and effort. Either way I love it and that is one of the things that separates me from most other realtors.

McCooey enjoys the mentorship aspect of the job, as well, whether it's the people on his team or his clients. "The part I like about it the most is helping people along on their career path," he says. "I also love guiding my clients through the complex process of buying and selling a home."

Recently, he says he helped a woman get her house ready for sale after living there for 35 years. He helped her stage, declutter and paint. "Then here we are at the closing and we're helping her move on with her life in a positive way. It can be very emotional. We got her more money than she ever dreamed she would get for her home and she was thrilled," he says.

Even though he changed careers, he says, "I am a Wall Street guy. I'm not going to say I'm a hard ass, but I'm a pretty good negotiator. Getting something at a better price or selling something for a higher price, that's pretty rewarding. I like the challenges, too, especially in this environment, when there are multiple offers. I like helping clients succeed in the process."

Olivieri was born in Southampton, where he lived until his later years of elementary school. His family moved to Manhasset, but



The McCooley Olivieri Team at Compass brought the buyer for 4 Kettle Court in East Hampton, which was listed with Evan Kulman, also of Compass.
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he continued summering on the South Fork.

After working at other brokerages and informally working together over the past four years, Olivieri and McCooley became the founding agents for Compass' offices in Nassau County last year.

The partnership has worked out incredibly well. "It's a great dynamic we bring to our clients," says Olivieri. McCooley has the years of experience and Olivieri brings a background in marketing and technology.

"Millennial buyers are very different from past generations. I'm definitely able to connect with the younger buyers and bring the tech savviness that they like and honestly need," he says. "Not everyone can provide that. Compass, specifically, really focuses on the tech."

They recently represented the buyers of 4 Kettle Court in East Hampton, which closed this month. Evan Kulman of Compass had the exclusive listing, "which shows the great collaboration and power of Compass." The home was listed, sold and closed in 45 days. "This type of collaboration was one of the reasons Alex and I were drawn to this company. A professional and seamless transaction left both the buyer and seller thrilled," McCooley says.

Last year, McCooley and Olivieri put

together a team to help them expand their business. With a cadre of eight, and offices in Manhasset, Garden City and Westhampton Beach, along with their knowledge and understanding of the Hamptons, they have found a way to cover the entire island successfully.

"With two of us, there's no way we could cover it all," Olivieri says. "Having 10, we're not just able to cover it, we can fully and professionally service our clients for a truly hands-on experience."

The team of eight agents range in age and experience level and backgrounds — one agent has been in the business 30 years and in total, the team has about 80 years'

experience. They specialize in various parts of the Long Island market, from Queens to Nassau to Suffolk, though the team leaders are careful not to limit where their agents can do business.

"We touch upon every age bracket and demographic. We cater to whomever we are working with," Olivieri says.

McCooley and Olivieri still take a hands-on approach with every transaction their team does. "Just today," Olivieri says in a recent interview, "fifteen minutes ago, we put under contract an \$8.5 million home on Dune Road. Last night we put together a co-op application for a \$300,000 co-op in Rockville Centre."

They are also partnered with a team in Manhattan that allows their clients access to even more resources and advice in Manhattan, Olivieri says. They have another partnership in Rye, New York.

But how is it really, working with family?

"It's actually great," says McCooley. "We think very much alike even though we're not blood relatives, although I did help raise him and it's kind of fun watching him grow and get better and better all the time," he says of Olivieri.

"Do we disagree? Sure. But that's normal. The agreements far outweigh the disagreements, but we see things differently which is great. This allows us to view situations through different lenses and from different perspectives, allowing us to brainstorm in the best possible way to handle any situation thrown at us or our clients. We have the perfect blend of experience, technology and marketing, which allows us to be the obvious realtors to choose for all of your real estate needs from Manhattan to Montauk."



One of the team's listings is in Manhasset at 63, 71 and 73 Lake Road, three separate lots with panoramic waterfront views that provide breathtaking sunsets over Manhasset Bay.
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MASTER CRAFTSMAN

Ricky Saetta, Woodworker, Artisan

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Camper bed Saetta made for his daughter.
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It's a rare and beautiful thing to encounter someone on the cusp of greatness, or great things to come. And so it is with artisan woodworker and Greenport native Ricky Saetta, if he decides to go that route. Opportunity has knocked and he stands poised at the other side of the door.

A carpenter and wood finisher by trade, 40-year-old Saetta has entered a new phase of his career, designing and fabricating a range of custom wood store displays, signs, furnishings and much more. Functional and decorative, Saetta's creations often feature integrated video elements, which he produces by editing together clips culled from dozens of hours of vintage footage found via YouTube and other sources, to be played in a loop on stylishly outdated picture-tube televisions.

This unusual mastery of such diverging

skill sets—a knack for building in the physical and virtual spaces—has brought Saetta a great deal of attention through his installations at local businesses and a well-curated collection of photographs and video on social media platforms such as TikTok and his popular @ricky.teevee Instagram account, which has more than 9,000 followers.

His reputation is growing on the North Fork as more people encounter Saetta's one-of-a-kind builds at the Lucharitos restaurants in Greenport, Mattituck, Aquebogue and Center Moriches, White Flower Farmhouse in Southold, and The Times Vintage shop in Greenport, where he continues to expand his artistic footprint in a decidedly retro style.

The latter project, in fact, is so inspired, it caught the attention of Larissa Blintz, owner of Miracle Eye, a Los Angeles-based vintage clothing company. Blintz saw Saetta's designs for The Times Vintage on Instagram

and hired him to create similar storefront displays and furniture, especially the “space-age vanity,” for her business. “She was like, ‘Oh my God, I’ve got to have that,’” Saetta explained while putting the finishing touches on his Miracle Eye pieces before hitting the road and hauling them to L.A.

Saetta's work kept him plenty busy before committing to the Miracle Eye project, but he admits that taking his vision across the country marks a major milestone in his trajectory as a craftsman. “It’s going to be a wild trip,” he said just days before leaving. “She called me three months ago, and I was like, ‘Let’s do it.’”

The woodworker was born into his chosen profession. His father, Bob Saetta, is also a talented carpenter who rebuilt Orient's Long Beach Bar Lighthouse, best known as the “Bug Light,” in 1990, 27 years after it burnt down in a 1963 fire. “My dad’s done a bunch of stuff out here and he’s super creative, I learned the trade from him,” Saetta says, noting that he spent his formative years in construction, but eventually began travelling, first to New York City and then points west.

He earned his stripes as a finish carpenter in San Francisco and Phoenix, but the East End called him back home. Saetta worked a bit more for other companies in the area, but then everything changed.

“When I got back here, I was working for North Fork Woodworks for a couple years, but in 2015 I had a daughter with someone from Southold,” he says. “When my daughter was born, I made her crib, and I started making a name sign for her, and then I started making some name signs for my friends’ kids, and I just started sliding more into the creative element of woodworking and whatnot,” Saetta says, recalling his path to what he does now.

By 2018, he'd split from his daughter's mother and had grown weary of working as a carpenter. The day job took time away from his growing number of side projects, so he quit his job and set out on his own to see if he could turn that side work into a full-time business. “It was very rough in the beginning,” he says. “I was doing a bunch of different things and trying everything out.”

During this period, Saetta made a series of retro cassette tapes out of driftwood and an array of other materials. He tried to sell them, but quickly realized sales is not his forte. He is the first to admit that money and business-related matters are well outside his wheelhouse, though he promotes himself masterfully online.

“I don’t have that motivation for income,”

he explains. “I don’t have that drive. ... I get bored in the process. I don’t want to respond to emails. I don’t want to do any of that. I hate that shit. I just want to work.”

Saetta has never struggled with putting the maximum effort and hours into his creations, but that drive to make things as amazing as possible often hurts his bottom line. He regularly puts in man-hours well beyond what he’s being paid. But he wants each project to represent his very best.

“A lot of the jobs I’ve taken since I went on my own, I didn’t care so much about money — I wanted to show off,” Saetta says. “I wanted to really challenge myself and do the work I knew I could. A lot of the times I’m not being paid well at all in the beginning because I’m intentionally putting everything into it and I don’t care.”

He shares, for example, how he made 550 hand-cut flowers on his scroll saw in order to form three-dimensional vintage-style wallpaper in one of The Times Vintage dressing rooms, and he cut 100 butterflies for the other. “The time I spent on this was asinine and she couldn’t pay me for it, really,” he says of the store’s owner Elizabeth Sweigart, who later became his girlfriend.

“I’ll cut 500 flowers by hand if it’s going to look insane. I don’t care about how much I’m paid per hour, and that’s not good for me business-wise, Saetta continues, describing this approach as a sweat-equity investment into work that will invariably end up in the public eye. “When people hire me, they get more than they’re paying for. I care a lot.”

Saetta feels uneasy about calling himself an artist, but he’s also aware the descriptor fits well with what he does. He never likes making the same thing twice, no matter how many people ask for it, and he’s loath to get pigeonholed into a particular style. “I get a lot of requests and I kind of just take the ones that I find interesting. There is no order, really, and that’s annoying for a lot of people who reach out,” Saetta says. “I’m hard to get in touch with, I’m flaky, but then suddenly when I’m doing your project, I’m all the way up your ass and I’m working 14-hour days on your stuff. That part they love.”

This ethos, while certainly respectable, begs the question of whether or not Saetta’s exquisite aesthetic and exemplary work will be enough to carry him to the heights of success he’s so clearly positioned to achieve. “I feel inevitable. I feel that all the work I’m doing is going to be seen at some point and going to be recognized,” Saetta says, but as he stands listening to that plentiful future knocking, only he can choose to open the door.



Some smaller creations and knickknacks in Saetta’s workshop, including his wooden cassette tapes.
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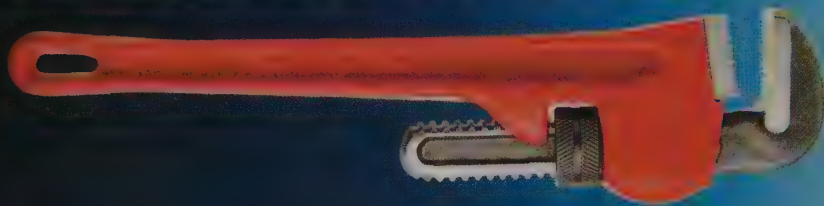
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The Hamptons 2021 September Real Estate Report

Well-positioned homes continue to achieve over-asking-price deals with September's median discount coming in at -1.73% off the list price.

written by Adrianna Nava

The beaches are quiet, but real estate is not! Atlantic Beach in Amagansett on September 30, 2021.
Photo courtesy of Hamptons Market Data, LLC.

The level of contract activity maintained an upward trend post-Labor Day, while the number of sold listings will hopefully start to catch up to past contract activity. We have heard of quite a number of off-market deals (not included in our data) occurring during this high intensity market. It's not just buyers who are anxious; sellers have been hearing pricing feedback for a few months. For some sellers, a quick and easy word-of-mouth trade to a vetted buyer feels less stressful than listing for sale in an intense and complicated real estate market.

Though the number of new listings coming on the market has outpaced contract activity since May 2021, there was only a 3.7% difference between the two in September. The median list price decreased 17% from August to September, but at \$2,695,000 it is still above

where it was this past spring and well above the average of the last few years.

The supply of available homes for sale has been relatively stable for the last seven months. With only a slight 4.4% uptick going into October, the level of inventory remains historically low. It's still a difficult buyer's market due to continued low supply. Approximately 10% of active inventory was taken off the market since the beginning of August. Some sellers decided to stay in the Hamptons a while longer.

Well-positioned homes continue to achieve over-asking-price deals with September's median discount coming in at -1.73% off the last asking price. However, as is our prediction for this winter season, the number of days to contract has begun to increase, though only by 9% to a median 70 days from August's 64 days.

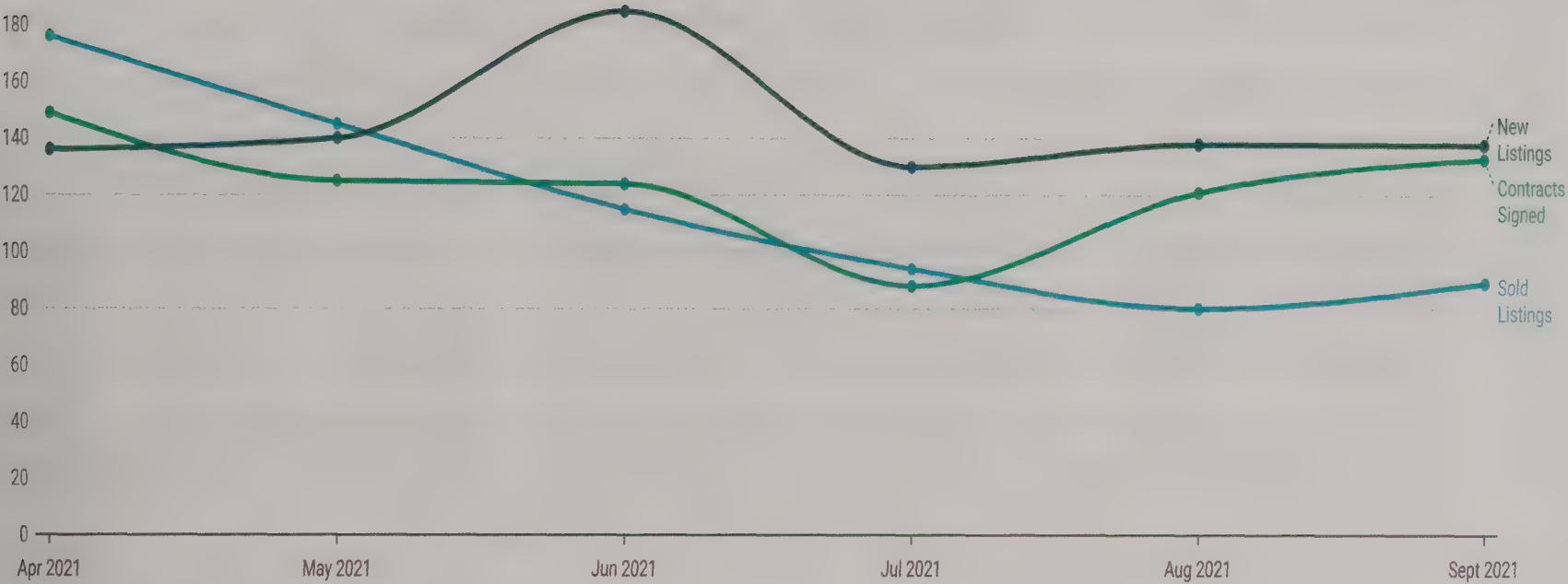
There are still plenty of buyers waiting in the wings, but they are waiting for something

in particular. From our own experience, buyers range the gamut — from investors looking for a total renovation for as close to \$1 million as possible, to buyers willing to spend over \$10 million for a particular view or style of home. New buyers have also entered the market.

It's coming up on an emotional two years for everyone and many would-be buyers and sellers prefer their next home transaction, whether as an investment or true second home, to feel right. Economists and market analysts have weighed in on market predictions in recent weeks. Some have predicted a downward trend to home prices. Local agents debate this among themselves as well.

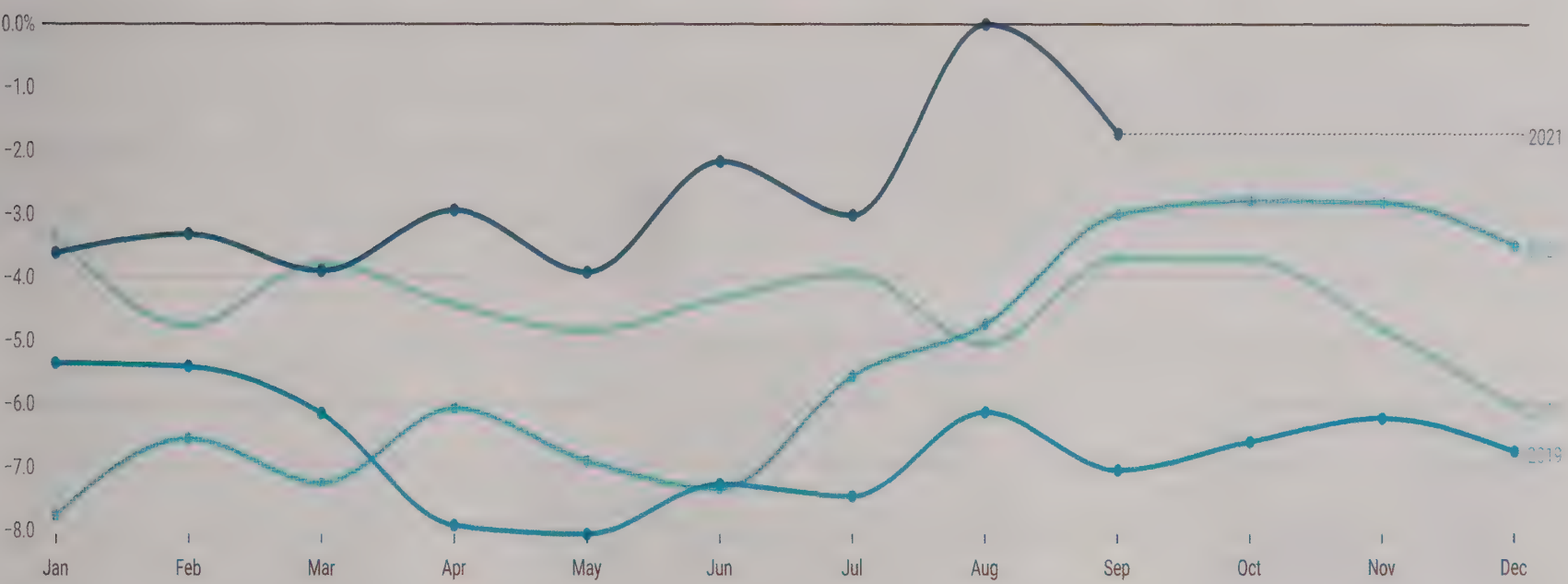
The median sold price decreased 7% from September 2020 to September 2021. But in returning above \$2 million to \$2,150,000 this September, after a brief dip below \$2 million for August 2021 — when few high end homes

2021 Extended Season Market Activity



Single Family, Exclusive and Co/Tri-Exclusive Listings, Southampton to Montauk
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Listing Discount



Single Family, Exclusive and Co/Tri-Exclusive Listings, Southampton to Montauk
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closed, yet plenty went under contract – the median price of Hamptons homes has hovered over \$2 million since April. This is still quite impressive compared to historical norms. The median last-asking-price of homes with contracts signed seems to have plateaued at the highest it's been since February 2018, which was only so high due to the small number of deals made that month, most of which were priced in the \$3–5 million price point, and not an indicator of increase in

pricing at that time. Comparing the median last-asking-price over time to the historical sold listing discount shows that real estate pricing has and continues to increase in the Hamptons. We predict, and many agents agree, that though most recent Hamptons residents and visitors have returned, at least part time, to New York City and other metro areas, few will release their foothold in the Hamptons just yet. Many predicted September would

see an influx of listings as summer came to a close. That has yet to happen. We'll see what happens when September's extended season tenants move out. All of the Hamptons real estate market activity charts can be found at HamptonsMarketData.com Adrianna Nava is the Hamptons real estate market and transaction expert. She is an associate broker with Compass and founder of Hamptons Market Data.

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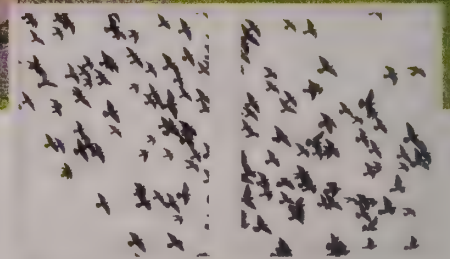
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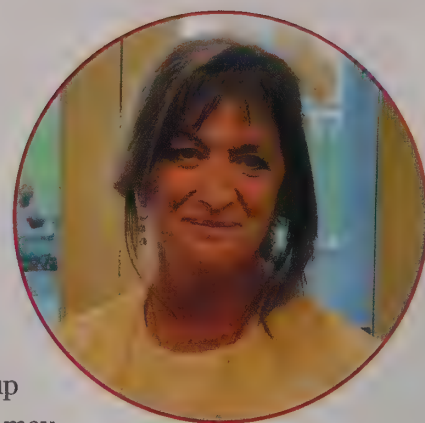
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REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

Neutral vs. Seasonal: Finding the Balance in Holiday Home Staging

As the air turns crisp, we are headed right into the holiday season, faster than perhaps we even want to realize. Halloween is just weeks away and Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Christmas will be here before you know it. When it comes to houses on the market, we wondered, should owners dress their place up? We asked some of the top real estate agents to weigh in. Is it best to keep things neutral? Or do decorations make a house feel more like a home?

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When pumpkins and mums dress a house for Halloween, it's fun and inviting. When the front lawn is covered with 10-foot blow-up ghosts or a haunted staging, it may be over the top for many. As my father always said, "Too much of anything is no good!" Respect that everyone has different beliefs and tolerances, so if your home is on the market for sale, then tasteful neutral is best.

Yorgos Tsibiridis COMPASS



Keeping the house neutral — without too many decorations — shows how the house will look year-round. The Hamptons is historically a summer and weekend destination, and buyers would like to envision how the house would look during the summer and throughout the year. As such, I find it best to celebrate the holidays through other means, keeping the decorations neutral in an effort to be inclusive to all backgrounds, and giving buyers a view of what their potential home will look like most of the time.

Gioia DiPaolo DOUGLAS ELLIMAN



I love fall decorations! Autumn elicits feelings of nostalgia, and anticipation for all the wonderful things to come: colorful landscapes, cozy fires, holidays, family time. Curb appeal is always an important aspect in the sale process. I usually advise sellers to enhance the house's entrance with seasonal potted flowers, topiary and such, and autumn provides an exceptional opportunity with pumpkins adding a great shot of color.

Anthony Rosina
SOTHEBY'S
INTERNATIONAL
REALTY

With the colder weather fast approaching, the holiday season provides an ideal opportunity to highlight some of the warmer traits and characteristics of a property on the market. Adding tasteful holiday décor to the exterior of a home can be a fun, creative and inexpensive way to generate charm, especially when the flowers and vegetation of summer are on hiatus. The same reasoning can be applied to interiors as well. Stringing colorful garland or holly across a tall window or fireplace mantle fosters holiday spirit while simultaneously showcasing some of the finer architectural details of a room. By striking the right balance, you can generate a space where prospective buyers can envision themselves living with their families and creating memories of their own. As long as you follow a few simple rules and don't get tangled in tinsel, your client's home can be the envy of the neighborhood and warm the heart of even the staunchest grinch.



Ashley Farrell
THE CORCORAN GROUP

While decorations can be a fun and cheery way to celebrate, they aren't necessarily the best idea when looking to sell your home. As a rule, I would not shoot a home's listing photos with any seasonal décor present. Given the short-lived nature of the holiday season, if a seller does not find a buyer within that time frame their photos will look outdated and could end up costing them in the long run. As an agent, if it's December and I am looking at photos with pumpkins on the stoop I immediately know the home has been on the market a while and I may be in a better position to negotiate on behalf of my clients. A few strategically placed decorations after photos have been taken is OK, but keeping it tasteful and simple is key. If you can avoid the clutter of the holiday season, you should. You want potential buyers to focus on the home's architecture and unique features, not on the plastic skeletons in the foyer or the inflatable snow globe in the yard.



Jennifer Friedberg
BROWN HARRIS
STEVENS

Everyone loves the holidays in the Hamptons — crisp air, breezy beach walks and time to simply enjoy and relax. However, when it comes to holiday themed home décor, less is always more, especially for listing photos and videos — no seasonal décor should be included here. Keep it decluttered and depersonalized. As far as showings and open houses go, a few subtle touches are typically appropriate, yet religious flourishes should be avoided. A holiday touch here and there can make a house feel like a home — with warmth and personality. The key is not to have too much distracting from the home itself. Ultimately, sellers should focus on creating a clean slate for buyers to visualize themselves in their home. When it comes to an agent's social media, posting holiday content here and there for the sake of remaining current, on-trend and on-brand with the property is suitable. Personally, I love creative seasonal flower arrangements, an array of candles, and clean and modern objets d'art paired with rich, cozy textures of pillows and throws.



Alexis "Lexi" Veryzer
NOFO REAL ESTATE

Every client is different and has their own traditions, religious holidays and times of the year they like to celebrate. Decorating the house can be fun and festive but it may not translate well for those looking for a home that they want to call their own. I recall driving by a house that was decorated for Halloween well before October 31 and thinking, "Well, that's a bit much," as ghosts were hanging from trees and there were numerous bright green and orange decorations throughout the yard and by the front door. There is a point where the decorations can become a distraction from the home and ultimately turn off serious buyers. Those ready to buy want to see the house in its natural form so they can picture their own possessions and style, transforming it into a home for them. It is best to stay neutral and possibly a few white lights during the holidays can create a sense of warmth but overall, when selling a home, don't overdo it on the decorations. Instead, highlight the best features of the home by keeping it clean and spacious-feeling, without too much personal clutter.



An aerial photograph of a coastal area. In the foreground, a large, light-colored house with a red roof sits on a grassy bluff. A long, white wooden pier extends from the shore into the water, with several sailboats moored nearby. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. The title text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

The Finest House in Dering Harbor Sits Perched Atop a Bluff

Photos by: Brian Bailey for Gary DePersia

story by Taylor K. Vecsey





The property at 44 Manhasset Road has a 150-foot dock that extends into Shelter Island Sound.

A recognizable historic waterfront mansion in Shelter Island's Dering Harbor is available for the first time in 20 years. With a rare 150-foot dock and an even rarer 300-foot sandy beach, plus a rich history, the home is one of the most coveted on the island.

New to the market, the 2.7-acre property at 44 Manhasset Road is listed at \$11.95 million. Gary DePersia of the Corcoran Group is

representing the property exclusively.

"Combine a historic mansion, a prominent location in Dering Harbor, 300 feet of private beach, expansive views, sunsets, a boathouse servicing a deep-water dock and you just might begin to imagine this nearly three-acre estate perched on high overlooking broad swaths of bayfront that has rarely come to market since it was built at the turn of the last century," DePersia says.

The Mediterranean-style home with its distinctive red clay tile roof and stucco

facade was first built in 1913 on property that had been home to the Manhasset House, a 19th century hotel situated on the bluff just east of Locust Point. There were rooms for 500 guests across the two buildings, one four stories high and one five stories, with a dance hall pavilion in between.

In 1885, *The New York Times* wrote that the Manhasset House was "the largest and finest" in the seaside summer resort town. New York City residents could escape the heat and malaria in the city for the island, a 2-hour and 20-minute ride on the Long



The Mediterranean-style home has a distinctive red clay tile roof.

Island Rail Road or a cruise on the steamer *Frances*.

The current home on the property served as the clubhouse for the Gardiner's Bay Golf Club, established under a different name in 1896 (the original nine-hole golf course was among the first on Long Island; Shinnecock Hills in Southampton was founded in 1891). "It was the brainchild of the manager of The Manhasset House Hotel, H.D.W. Lawson. His vision was combining the game of golf and the natural beauty of Dering Harbor and Hay Beach," according to an article in *The Shelter Island Reporter*.

Just weeks before the 1910 summer season, the hotel was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Other buildings survived, including the private clubhouse and a casino the club owned, as well as Victorian gingerbread "cottages" that would pave the way for the incorporation of Dering Harbor Village. The 100-year-old village remains the least populous village in New York State; in fact, the 2020 Census recorded just 11 residents living there.

After several years of financial struggles, the club separated from the casino and the clubhouse was relocated to its current site nearby.

Today, the 8,000-square-foot house sits 30 feet above Peconic Bay and enjoys some of the most spectacular unobstructed views of the North Fork and blazing sunsets.

The ferry boats going back and forth to Greenport and the luxury yachts and fishing boats traversing the calm bay waters are the only traffic to be found here.

The home boasts three levels of living space with eight bedrooms and seven bathrooms.

"Dramatic beams enhance the great room with vaulted ceilings and an imposing fireplace while a more intimate living room, warmed by its own fireplace, will become a favored haunt of those looking to read, watch TV, or quiet reflection," DePersia says.

In addition, there is a bar room with an original soda fountain, billiard and game rooms, a gym, and hot tub located up on the bluff.

The 24-foot-by-60-foot heated pool, which has, DePersia says, "a decided Slim Aarons feel," overlooks the water. A cement switchback path leads to a private beach. The dock can be found just beyond the sand, extending out 150 feet into the water with several amenities; electric, dual hydraulic boat lifts and even its own boathouse.

A separate cottage on the property, perfect for private guest quarters, could be repurposed as that coveted artist studio. There is also an outdoor shower.

The home's unique character certainly harkens back to a simpler, yet opulent time on Shelter Island. Now one of the most recognizable properties in all of Dering Harbor's 200 acres, it is primed for someone else to enjoy in the 21st century.



"Dramatic beams enhance the great room," says Gary DePersia of The Corcoran Group, who is representing the listing exclusively.



Two Rare Cottages on Dune Road Offer the Ultimate Beach Life

story by Taylor K. Vecsey

The property at 27 Dune Road in East Quogue holds not one, but two cottages.
Courtesy of Douglas Elliman Real Estate

Large homes on the Atlantic Ocean are, of course, beautiful. The sand just a few steps away, the ocean breeze, the sun glistening off the water. But what about a simpler way of life?

This isn't about downsizing, just embracing the beach life. A different lifestyle entirely.

Down on Dune Road in East Quogue, two beach cottages on one parcel came to market late this past summer. It is a rare offering of not only one, but two newly-renovated beach cottages. The property at 27 Dune Road is currently listed at \$5.495 million.

"Rather than the McMansion that everyone is looking for," says Lauren Spiegel of Douglas Elliman Real Estate who is representing the listing, "the cottages give a sense of a time where life was a bit more laid back, a slower pace and place to enjoy, while still having the everyday comforts of the modern era and the beach in your backyard."

Spiegel calls it "the perfect opportunity for oceanfront tiny living, turnkey."

The cottages were built around 1920, according to records from the Town of Southampton. Dune Road is not shown on the historic maps of East Quogue, but the records note that "small cottages were constructed across Shinnecock Bay for use by hunters, fishermen and boarding house guests." The cottages are "characteristic of the unpretentious and seasonal nature of this building type."

The cottages even survived the 1938 hurricane. They have been renovated three times since with the most recent renovation happening after Spiegel sold it to the current owners in 2018.

"They completely renovated the structures 'as is' and more recently received a permit for a pool in between the shacks which would complete this fabulous opportunity," she explains.

Though they offer only a combined 1,200 square feet of living space, the cottages are airy and light-filled.

Situated on about 0.87 of an acre, there is 75 feet of ocean frontage with ample privacy just beyond the dunes, and a 360-degree unobstructed bay view across Dune Road.

The cottage that faces the bay provides three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. A viewing deck offers the perfect spot for watching the sunsets. There is also an oceanside patio that leads to the other cottage.

The oceanfront cottage offers two bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths. There is plenty of outdoor entertaining space, as well.

Both cottages have all new mechanicals, and there is the added bonus of a water filtration system.

There is also an outdoor shower, a sandy sitting area and a private walkway to the ocean.

A shed on the property houses bicycles and the like.

Located adjacent to a town-owned landing to the west, there is nearby access for a boat.

That's beach life if we've ever heard of one.



Just open the door for direct beach access.
Courtesy of Douglas Elliman Real Estate



The cottages have both ocean and bay views.
Courtesy of Douglas Elliman Real Estate



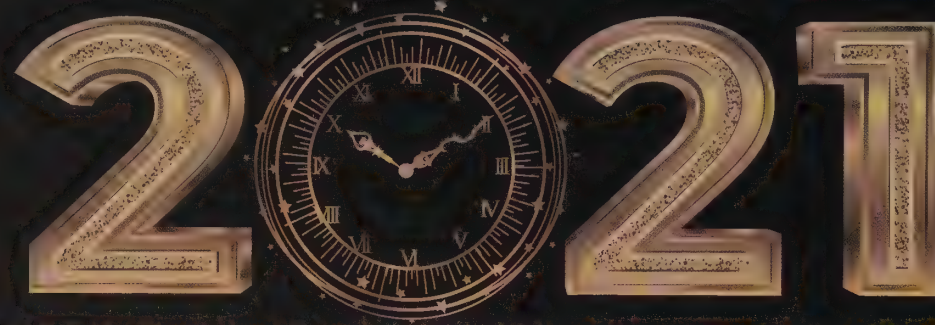
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NINA ET CETERA AT OSPREY'S DOMINION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1 P.M.

Enjoy a refreshing afternoon at Osprey's Dominion with the acoustic, bluesy sounds of Nina Et cetera. The winery has a large, beautiful tasting room and a menu of snacks.

44075 Main Road, Peconic. 631-765-6188, ospreysdominion.com

BEGINNER COUNTRY LINE DANCING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7:30 P.M.

Learn the fundamentals of country line dancing in the climate-controlled barn of Spirit's Promise Equine Rescue. Registration is required and all proceeds from the event will go toward horse rescue and programs.

2746 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-875-0433, spiritspromiserescue.org

ADULTS 21+ ROLLER SKATING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 P.M.

Enjoy Wednesday night adults-only roller skating that includes skate

guard rentals, wrist guard rentals and instruction. Or stop by and purchase your own pair of wheels at the pro shop.

121 Third Street, Greenport.
greenportamericanlegion.org

WINE BY THE VINES AT PELLEGRINI VINEYARD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 3 P.M.

Don't miss this special event hosted by the Southampton Historical Society. Choose from delicious Pellegrini wines, sandwiches and desserts. Make your reservation ahead of time.

23005 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-765-5500, southoldhistorical.org

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BREWERY & VINEYARD TOURS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17, 10 A.M.

There's no better way to see the Hamptons than on a rented bike. Package options include privileged access to vineyards, wine and beer samples and stops and local farm stands. This is a five-and-a-half-hour ride, so be sure you're a confident biker before committing to the adventure.

13200 Main Road, Mattituck.
631-871-1666,
eastendbiketours.com

PUMPKIN & CRAFT BEER WEEKEND

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy all of the flavors of fall at Garden of Eden Farm, including roasted sweet corn, hot dogs and fresh-squeezed lemonade. If you've got a family, bring them along for the farm animals, lavender labyrinth and pedal kart track.

4558 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-722-8777, gardenofedevfarm.com

INTRODUCTION TO BIRDWATCHING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 11 A.M.

Learn to look for songbirds, ducks and

ospreys along the shore of the Orient Beach State Park. Be sure to register ahead of time and bring along your binoculars.

40000 Main Road, Orient.
631-765-6540, sbiasetti@eastendenvironment.org,
groupfortheeastend.org

ANNUAL FALL 5K WALK/RUN VIRTUAL RACE

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 24.

Don't miss your opportunity to walk or run for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and upload your times and photos from October 16 to October 24. A \$30 registration fee includes both t-shirts and bibs. You'll also be entered for a chance to win a gift card to many local shops and boutiques, including Mini Page Jewelry and Bostwick's restaurant. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer research and awareness. info@shelterislandrun.com, 631-774-9499, shelterislandfall5k.com

PUMPKIN PICKING AT STAKEY'S PUMPKIN FARM

OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 30.

Weekday fun includes pumpkin picking, hayrides and the corn maze, while weekend festivities add roasted corn, the snack shack, arm and hand painting, and more. The farm is open Monday through Friday, noon–5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 270 West Lane, Aquebogue. 631-722-3467, stakeyspumpkinfarm.com

THE FALL BARNYARD AT FINK'S COUNTRY FARM

OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

The fall barnyard is open on weekdays, offering access to U-Pick pumpkins, barnyard and play areas

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for only \$5. The real party begins on weekends through October 31, when an \$18 ticket nets you access to the animatronic chicken show, barnyard buddies, character appearances, jump pillow, hamster wheels, live music, corn cannon, pumpkin slingshot, mining station, kiddie train and much more.

The farm is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

6242 Middle Country Road, Wading River.
631-886-2272,
finksfarm.com

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APPLE PICKING AT LEWIN FARMS

OPEN DAILY, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Enjoy locally grown fresh apples from September through October. Customers can call to find out about U-Pick date availability. Guests must maintain social distancing and anyone with symptoms will not be allowed to enter the fields.

812 Sound Avenue, Calverton. 631-929-4327, lewinfarm.com

HARBES BARNYARD ADVENTURE

OPEN DAILY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Harbes Family Farm is home to Harbes Barnyard Adventure — eight acres filled with farm animals, bee observatories, the Gnome Hedge Maze, Canna Bulb Flower Field, hayrides and lots more. And yes, there are plenty of pumpkins and other veggies, as well as delicious prepared foods to boot.

715 Sound Avenue, Mattituck. 631-482-7641, harbesfamilyfarm.com

APPLE PICKING AT WICKHAM'S FRUIT FARM

OPEN DAILY, 10:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

Apple picking will be available throughout October. The farm, closed Sundays, recommends calling ahead in the morning to confirm whether or not U-Pick will be open. Masks and social distancing are required in the fields.

28700 Main Road, Cutchogue, 631-734-6441, wickhamsfruitfarm.com

VIRTUAL EVENTS**CHEF ROB AUTUMN BAKING FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 3 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to learn about cooking autumn favorites from the comfort of your home. Recipes include pumpkin cake filled with cranberries and an autumn apple pie streusel bread. Email ahead of time for the recipes and Zoom



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631-298-4134,
reference@mattlibrary.org,
mattitucklaurellibrary.org

CHAIR & RESTORATIVE YOGA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10 A.M.

Decrease your stress levels and blood pressure with this hybrid opportunity. You'll need a yoga mat, towel and chair. Register ahead of time for the Zoom info.

631-765-2077, southoldlibrary.org

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 5 P.M.

Tai Chi provides a range of benefits for the body and mind that include decreased stress, improved energy and better muscle strength. Join instructor Denise Gillies via Zoom for easy-to-follow moves. Register ahead of time on the Shelter Island Library website.

631-749-0042,
shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

BATS OF LONG ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 P.M.

Join the Peconic Land Trust as they explore the state of the Long Island bat population, including info on how you can get involved in their conservation. Register ahead of time for the Zoom link.

631-283-3195, peconiclandtrust.org

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: MARK TORRES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 7 P.M.

Join author Mark Torres as he discusses his book *Long Island Migrant Camps: Dust For Blood*. It's the true account of migrant labor camps in Suffolk County from the end of World War II to the end of the 20th Century. Email ahead of time for the Zoom link.

631-477-2647, joinprogram@floydmemoriallibrary.org,
floydmemoriallibrary.org

DAN'S PAPERS PHOTO CONTEST

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

Don't miss your opportunity to be

honored as the cover artist featured in *Dan's Papers*! Photos must be high resolution and sent to opeterson@danspapers.com with the subject "Fall Photo Contest" by the extended date of Friday, October 31 at noon to be considered in the contest. The winner will be announced in the following issue, so no late submissions will be accepted.

[DansPapers.com/event/dans-papers-photo-contest](https://danspapers.com/event/dans-papers-photo-contest)

ART EXHIBITIONS**EXHIBIT: THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND**

ON VIEW THROUGH OCTOBER 30.

Don't miss your opportunity to view the histories of open space and land on Shelter Island. The exhibit includes photos, paintings and maps.

16 South Ferry Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0025,
shelterislandhistorical.org

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LIVE SHOWS

ARF PET FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16,
NOON-3 P.M.

ARF's food pantry will be accepting donations of pet food, with a need for both wet and dry items for both cats and dogs. Pet food will be distributed at the same time that it's being collected.

2044 Montauk Highway,
Bridgehampton. 631-537-0400,
arfhamptons.org

JACKIE GREENE IN CONCERT WITH LESLIE MENDELSON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7 P.M.

Don't miss this bluesy piano and guitar player at one of Hampton's favorite venues, The Stephen Talkhouse. Opening act Leslie Mendelson is known for her solo, acoustic style, and Jackie Greene requires no introduction.

161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

GLASS-FUSED PENDANTS WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
& 17, 9-10:30 A.M.

If you've got an interest in jewelry-

making, you won't want to miss this unique two-day workshop. You'll learn a series of glass-fusing techniques and create your own pendants or earrings. During the second workshop, you can begin adding colorful jewelry components.

Register online ahead of time.

96 Old Riverhead
Road, Westhampton
Beach. 631-275-8148,
artstudiohamptons.com

AN AFTERNOON IN TUSCANY WITH MORENO FRUZZETTI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2 P.M.

Moreno Fruzzetti's virtuosic singing has earned him the honor of "Ambassador of Italian Music to America." He'll be performing Italian favorites along with American classics and pop tunes.

52 Ponquogue Avenue,
Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241,
hamptonbayslibrary.org

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC WITH CROSS ISLAND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 3 P.M.

Join the marvelous duet Cross Island, which features Suzanne Mueller on the cello and Elinor Abrams Zayas on the piano, at the Rogers Memorial Library. The performers will play works by J.S. Bach, Anto-

nin Dvorak and others.

91 Coopers Farm Road,
Southampton. myrml.org

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MONTAUK FARMERS MARKET

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

If you can bake it, catch, it or grow it, you'll find it at the Montauk Farmers Market. Masks are required if you're unvaccinated.

37 Carl Fisher Plaza, Montauk. 631-668-2428, montaukchamber.com

VIRTUAL EVENTS

GENTLE YOGA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10:30 A.M.

Yoga is an amazing practice for those looking for a low-impact way to help with weight loss and stress management. Register on the John Jermain Library website ahead of time and dress for comfort.

631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

IMPRESSIONS AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

ON VIEW THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

You won't want to miss this unique exhibition based on the theme of movement. Works include those of Stuart Yankell, a trained modern painter whose works capture the fluidity of uplifting scenes like beaches and bistros. You'll also be able to view the tablets and imaginations of artists Sylvie Perrin, Bob, Tabor and Dorothy Ganek.

2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton.
631-237-1481, thewhiteroom.gallery

PICASSO IN POLLOCK

ON VIEW THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

Explore the influence of Picasso on Pollock from the late 1930s to the end of his career. The exhibition is a hybrid of actual works and replicas.

830 Springs-Fireplace Road,
East Hampton. 631-324-4929,
stonybrook.edu/pkhouse

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"SPASH 2" BY BOB TABOR

COURTESY THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

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YOUR CHILD CAN GET INTO THE FALL SPIRIT WITH A FUN OWL COLLAGE WORKSHOP!

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

SUPERHERO STORYTIME AND CRAFT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 3:30 P.M.

Little ones ages 4–6 will enjoy this powerful opportunity to enjoy a superhero-themed storytime and craft. Sign up on the East Hampton Library website ahead of time.

169 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

SHAKESCENE! A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Your little thespian will relish the opportunity to rehearse and perform a shortened version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Classes focus on singing, stage combat, dance and even a Shakespearean insult game.

200 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org

FALL STORYTIME YOGA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9:30 A.M.

Kiddos ages 2–5 will enjoy the chance to bend, stretch and balance while listening to some of their favorite autumn books being read out loud. Register ahead of time on the Cutchogue-

New Suffolk Library website. 27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

OWL COLLAGE PROJECT WITH KYM FULNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 3:45 P.M.

Your nature lovers ages 6–10 will have a hoot of a time researching local owls and creating their own owl collages. The cost is \$20 and you can register ahead of time.

92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, jacqueline@projectmost.org, projectmost.org

FALL STROLLER STRONG BOOTCAMP IN THE VINES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 9:30 A.M.

Bring your free weights, yoga mat and kiddos of all ages in or out of a stroller to this fun workout for parents and tots. Get fit in the beauty of Terra Vite Vineyards and get 15% off your trip to the winery.

250 Manor Lane, Jamesport. 631-722-3416, terravitevineyard.com

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating your own farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission! This fall,

however, you'll need to call ahead of time to make a reservation.

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

HANK'S PUMPKINTOWN

Don't miss this Hamptons fall favorite with your little pumpkins. Apple picking, corn mazes, tractor rides and giant slides are all part of the fun.

While you're there, don't forget to check out the market, which features tasty treats, pies and doughnuts.

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Calissa Chef Recipe, *Fall Dining & More*



BOB ABRAMS OF CALISSA

BY HARRY POWERS

CHEF HIGHLIGHT: BOB ABRAMS, EXECUTIVE CHEF OF CALISSA

Bob Abrams, executive chef of Calissa restaurant in Water Mill, knew from an early age that he was destined to be a chef. Watching his Italian mother cook family meals helped pique his interest and showed how good food brings people together. As a teenager he worked in pizzerias and delis observing chefs and learning techniques which drove his passion and lead him to start culinary school at New York Tech. He spent his subsequent summers in school interning at 75 Main in Southampton. After graduating and spending time working in Florida and New York City, he moved out east permanently. He was the sous chef at Oasis restaurant in Noyac for 10 years before moving on to executive chef of Little Red in Southampton for eight years.

In spring of 2019, Abrams was approached by James Mallios to head the kitchen at Calissa. Mallios and his partners wanted a local chef to help them advance from being simply a successful summer spot, to a year-round restaurant and multi-use event space. He has used his love of local produce and fish to influence the

Greek/Mediterranean menu Calissa has today.

Even now at Calissa, he remembers falling in love with the atmosphere of restaurant kitchens. "The quick pace, timing and how independent processes come together to make or break a dining experience" is what Abrams loves most about the kitchen environment. The "anti-chef" in many ways, Abrams focuses on "food first." His kitchen has no space for egos or raised voices. In the silence, he hears the hum of the refrigerator compressor, the sizzle from the pans, doors on the lowboys opening and closing, and he knows he is home. Abrams lives in Southampton with his wife Dara — who is also a manager at Calissa — and his 10-year-old daughter Anabelle who loves his branzino and tacos.

Start spreading the news — the fall version of **Long Island Restaurant Week** will happen November 7–14! Close to 100 restaurants across Long Island will be offering \$25 or \$42 three-course prix fixe menus. There's also a \$20 two-course lunch special. Check out longislandrestaurantweek.com for an up-to-the-minute roster of which restaurants are participating and what they are offering. Everyone loves a deal, and this is a chance to

visit a restaurant you've been dying to try! Such East End stalwarts as the Cooperage Inn in Baiting Hollow, On the Docks in Aquebogue and Page at 63 Main in Sag Harbor have signed up. You can be sure there will be others from these parts. For more information, or if you're a restaurant that wants to sign up, call 631-329-2111.

Marilee's Farmstand in Sagaponack offers a weekly community supported agriculture program that runs through the middle of January for \$500. Pick up your produce on Fridays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. How does one sign up? Just check out their website: marileesfarmstand.com.

A new tasting menu was introduced at **The Hampton Maid** in Hampton Bays this season. It is called "R.AIRE" and is the brainchild of Chef Alex Bujoreanu. The menu combines international cuisine with fresh, local ingredients. Bujoreanu's unique background — he's of Spanish and Romanian heritage — as well as his culinary creativity allow him to use foods and styles that patrons might not be accustomed to. For example, a previous week's R.AIRE menu featured the Jumping Carpaccio, a classic dish except for the exotic kangaroo meat thrown in, and the Cigalas dish, which highlighted Norwegian prawns, fermented black beans and lemon air. The Hampton Maid provides a small, intimate gathering space, only seating 25. The chef regularly converses with diners to explain the dishes and wine choices. The season ends on November 21. R.AIRE will return next season due to popular demand. The dinner is available by reservation Thursday through Saturday and changes its courses and wine pairings weekly. The special menus cost \$95 or \$160 per person. Check it out!

Rita Cantina in Springs has added glazed North Fork cauliflower carnitas to their fall menu. This seasonal dish is fresh and locally sourced from nearby North Fork farms. The cauliflower carnitas comprise nutrient-rich cauliflower, crisp and tender soft tacos, and butter lettuce wraps garnished with homemade guacamole and salsa. Bonus: It's vegan! The restaurant is closed Monday and Tuesday.

Main Street Tavern in Amagansett has some Sunday football specials. Look for nachos specials with vegetarian or chicken options, tavern wings and \$20 pitchers of beer. And on Monday nights, their chicken pot pie special is back. Heads up, the restaurant is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bits & Bites: Rumor has it that Sant Ambroeus in Southampton will soon have an outpost in East Hampton on Newtown Lane. ... Farewell to Bridgehampton's **World Pie** — they had a nice 22-year run! ... Congrats to **Sagaponack Distillery** for nabbing several awards at the annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition. The big winners, which require a unanimous vote, were their cucumber vodka and their aquavit!

Did You Know: October 14 is National Dessert Day; October 15 is National Red Wine Day and October 17 is National Pasta Day?

Food Quote: "Since we must eat to live, we might as well do it with both grace and gusto." ~ author, M.F.K. Fisher

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail.com!



MAIN STREET TAVERN'S NACHOS

ERIC STRIFFLER

Recipe:

Bob Abrams' Kale Squash Salad



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KALE SQUASH SALAD AT CALISSA

This salad has a lot of bold flavors that would pair well with any grilled meat. I will be serving it over our grilled bone-in pork chop. Roasting the butternut squash and the fennel together brings out the sweet and savory flavors I am looking for in a colder weather dish, and the pomegranate arils (seeds) and pecans give it a nice crunch. This recipe makes 6-8 servings.

Salad Ingredients:

- 1 Medium butternut squash cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 Bulbs of fennel cut into 1-inch thick wedges
- 1/8 Cup of olive oil
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 Bunches of Tuscan kale finely chopped
- 1/4 Cup of pomegranate arils (seeds)
- 1/2 Cup of feta crumbled
- 1/2 Cup candied pecans roughly chopped

Orange/Balsamic Vinaigrette Ingredients:

- 6 Tbs of white balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbs dijon mustard
- 2 1/2 Tbs honey
- 2 Tbs orange juice

1 1/2 Tsp orange zest

1/3 Cup of EVOO

Salt to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
 2. On a large baking sheet, place butternut squash and fennel, coat with the 1/8 cup olive oil, salt and pepper. Toss until coated.
 3. Bake in oven for 40 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
 4. While vegetables are cooking, cut and de-stem kale.
 5. In a medium bowl, whisk together all ingredients for vinaigrette, taste and adjust for salt.
 6. When vegetables are done, remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes.
 7. Assemble salad — start with kale then top with vegetables in a large bowl and mix.
 8. Place your grilled pork chop on plate and top with salad mixture, then add crumbled feta, pecans, pomegranate and drizzle with vinaigrette.
 9. Serve and enjoy!
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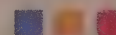
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Tips to Keep Your Jewelry Safe While on Vacation

As birds fly south for the winter, so do many people who have no intention of shoveling snow any time soon. And while the focus is likely on your warm destination, it's critical that you remember to protect the valuables you leave behind. After all, the number of people who've reported missing jewelry while traveling has doubled since 2015.

The first tip to protect your jewelry is to make sure your jewelry insurance coverage is up-to-date. You'll want to take inventory of your valuables before leaving on your trip. You may even want to send your insurance agent a detailed list of what you're taking with you and what's being left behind.

While travelling, never take earrings, bracelets or anything else off in public spaces, and if you're staying at a hotel or a home with housekeepers, be mindful to place your valuables in a locked safe. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and think twice before announcing on social media that you've left your home while you're staying elsewhere for the season or on a vacation.

Before you return home make sure you have all the valuables you brought with you on your trip, and do so once more when you get home, this time making note of the jewelry you left behind, as well.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

*Something to Wine About:***2020 Lieb Cellars Estate Chardonnay**

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Warm days, with crisp mornings and cool nights; chilly dips in pools that should have probably been closed two weeks ago; and changing leaves that make treks along even traffic-ridden roads like Montauk Highway seem picturesque — these are all signs that autumn on Long Island has arrived.

Another sign of the fall is harvest time. And as harvest time arrives, so does the change in season for wine lovers. For many oenophiles it's all about reds in the cold months and whites in the summer. But autumn is a great time for transitional whites, and Long Island produces one of the most beautiful, seasonally transitional, whites of all, chardonnay.

Chardonnay can be quite the chameleon. Fermented and aged only in stainless steel, as are most, but not all, chablis, it can be so incredibly dry and crisp some pinot grigio fans

might mistake it for their favorite wine. While fermented and aged for longer periods in American oak, as are many California chardonnays, the wine can be rich and smooth, even buttery, with notes of nuts, toast and caramel.

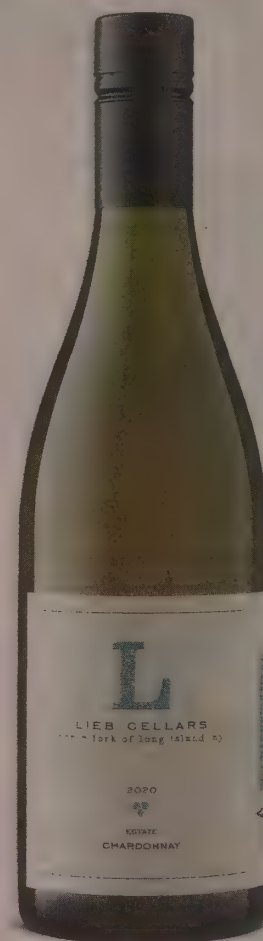
Lieb Cellars, a staple on the North Fork wine scene since 1992, produces a chardonnay that captures the autumn season perfectly, the 2020 Lieb Cellars Estate Chardonnay. It is an interesting balance of oak and stainless steel fermentation with 67% of the juice barrel fermented and 33% fermented in stainless steel. The juices are then combined and aged for 10 months in French oak. The resulting wine has a very light, almost lemon meringue nose, and, on the palate, light notes of pear, lemon and apple, meld seamlessly with toasty vanilla. The wine retails for \$28.

Lieb winemaker Russell Hearn explains the decision to use both

steel and oak in fermentation. "The goal behind fermenting one-third in stainless is to retain the highest amount of fruit character," he says. "One hundred percent barrel fermentation brings more oak and weight, but less fruit retention. I wish for this wine to have it all — complexity and fruit."

A brief history of Lieb Cellars: It was founded in 1992 by Mark Lieb with the purchase of a four-acre pinot blanc vineyard. In 2000, Leib, along with winemaker Hearn, opened a tasting room and full-service winemaking facility. In 2012, Lieb sold Lieb Cellars and Premium Wine Group to a group of private investors, including Hearn, and a new management team was formed. Hearn has been Lieb's winemaker since the beginning.

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EAST END LIVING

Celebrating the East End's Hispanic Success Stories



MARIA RIVERO GONZÁLEZ OF RGNY

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The East End is home to countless entrepreneurial success stories between businesses born here and those that expanded and evolved on these twin forks. With the spotlight on Hispanic and Latin Americans during the final days of Hispanic Heritage Month, what better business success stories to celebrate than theirs?

MARIA RIVERO GONZÁLEZ, RGNY

In 1998, Maria Rivero González's family planted vines in the oasis-like Parras region of northeastern Mexico, following a tradition of winemaking set in motion by the Jesuits as early as 1954. This microclimate is actually the oldest wine-growing region in North America, Rivero González explains, but despite that, there were surprisingly few wineries in Parras when her father decided to get into the wine game. At first, he had only intended to create wine as a hobby, but he had instilled too great a sense of entrepreneurship into his daughter for her to let this potential new business venture pass by.

Newly graduated from International Affairs with little business experience outside of watching her father work, Rivero González knew that innovation would be key. Mexican wine didn't sell all too well, so marketing her family's wine differently was a top priority. "All brands sold in Mexico looked so dated, so tired, and we went ahead and tried something completely different," she says. "Then we started to talk to a younger audience. We approached them differently, in a more casual way."

As for the wine itself, the Rivero González family brought back the basics, while also introducing the region's first blanc de noir and orange wine. By 2013, they opened a store in Mexico City to sell it, then followed that with locations in Monterrey and Parras. By 2015, they were already discussing expanding globally because, despite establishing the brand successfully in Mexico, their current marketplace had limited potential. Then they discovered the Long Island wine region.

"I started looking for opportunities agro-related, and little did I know this amazing region existed in New York," Rivero González says. "When we discovered it, we all got excited. As real estate, it made sense, and then the grapes were great and the region had so much potential being close to one of the most dynamic markets in the world."

As fate would have it, Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead Town's Northville hamlet had been on the market since 2014. After doing their due diligence, the family was able to complete the purchase by 2018, launching Rivero González New York, shortened to RGNY, the following year. The strategy for establishing the brand on the East End was the same as in Mexico, Rivero González shares. "Innovation is at the core of our DNA — being bold and different," she says. "Finding the things no one has done and speaking to audiences in a more relaxed, approachable way. Going for minimal intervention winemaking techniques and teaching people through things like blending sessions, etcetera."

Under Rivero González's leadership, RGNY has cemented itself in the Long Island wine region with its popular wines, tasting room menu and winery store, all of which are bursting with authentic Mexican flair. "I do think our Mexican heritage influences everything we do," she says. "As a culture, we like enjoying, and a lot of that has really shaped our event experiences. We also are hustlers and can do a lot with little, and I feel that has permeated our team culture, as well."

To Rivero González, the most rewarding aspect of her journey to success has been the sense of community. "That has always been part of our values," she says. "We believe we are only

as strong as our community is. Today, I can proudly say that I really feel a part of the community. Being an active part of the LIWC (Long Island Wine Council) has been a personal reward for me."

AURELIO GALVIS, HDC IMPROVEMENT INC.

Another success story on the other end of the business spectrum is that of Aurelio "Lio" Galvis. Growing up in Colombia, he entered the workforce at a young age, working for the Techintecol oil company. The experience inspired him to one day launch a business of his own, but the opportunity didn't strike in his home country.

"Like many, I left Colombia at the age of 33 in chase of the American Dream," Galvis shares. "I came searching for better opportunities for both my family and I. Taking this opportunity meant making some sacrifices along the way, one of those including leaving my family behind for almost five years in order to establish myself before bringing them to the States."

Not long after his plane landed in New York, his strong work ethic led him to take on two jobs — construction worker/roofer by day, dishwasher by night. Next, he transitioned to a job at a Hampton Bays restoration company, which gave him his first taste of HVAC. He found his opportunity. Galvis's knowledge of HVAC and duct cleaning grew as he worked and learned his way to becoming a specialist, and in 2004, he was finally able to open HDC (Hamptons Duct Cleaning) Improvement Inc. "I realized in those moments that I was very amazed," he remembers. "I found it interesting for me to start my own business of duct cleaning here in the Hamptons."

In the beginning, the HDC team was comprised entirely of family, and word of mouth was the only way Galvis could advertise his business, but that quickly changed as more clients in the Hamptons and on the North Fork experienced his mission statement first-hand: "My strategy/goal is to always treat my customers not only as clients but more like family to make them feel comfortable and confident with our service, and to always be honest."

With the number of clients growing



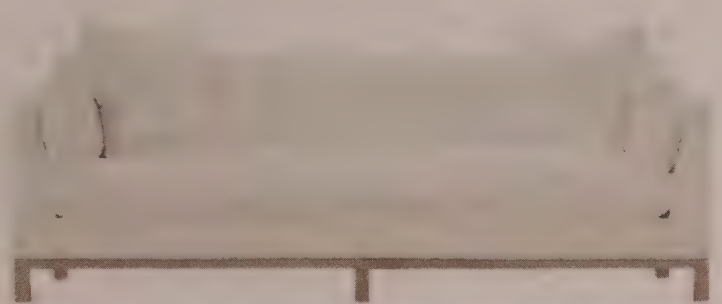
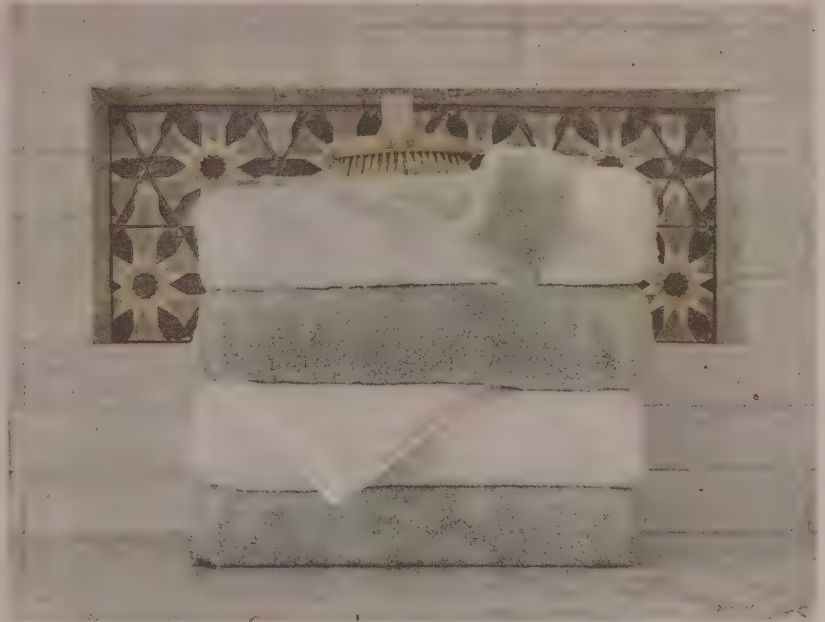
AURELIO "LIO" GALVIS OF HDC IMPROVEMENT INC.

thanks to a wave of glowing recommendations and "heartwarming reviews" over the last few years, Galvis was able to expand his business, which now includes a team of 10 and a service truck that allows him to take more jobs across Long Island and even in New York City. "I feel that what has fulfilled me the most is my clients' support, and it motivates me to grow big in so many ways in my business. All those fulfilling reviews, comments and recommendations are a huge part of why my company has been a success," he says, adding that he feels "blessed with love and support."

Though the journey to success was admittedly "tough in the beginning" for Galvis, there's not a doubt in his mind that it was well worth it, and he hopes others will have the courage to pursue their dreams as he did. "I always tell my people that no matter where you are from, never give up. Achieve whatever goals you have in mind, and work hard and respectfully," he says. "I had the opportunity to fulfill the American Dream, and I encourage all those entrepreneurs to take a leap of faith."

From Nancy's Tailoring in Sag Harbor and Agave Grill & Cantina in Greenport to Silvio Hair Cutting in Westhampton Beach and Olga's Deli in East Quogue, there are countless successful Hispanic-owned businesses that are woven into the fabric of the East End community, and they're all worth celebrating.

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Christopher J. Chimeri: Super Lawyer, Super Advocate

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Five minutes on the phone with Christopher J. Chimeri and you realize he is no ordinary lawyer.

"I refuse to accept the status quo for people," he says. "I'm known as the MacGyver of Long Island divorce law," he says with a laugh, though he means it. "It's something I'm proud of — being known as somebody who can creatively assess the problems in the case."

A tireless advocate, trial lawyer and leading New York matrimonial and family law attorney, Chimeri has a long list of distinguished awards and accolades including "Leaders in Law" (*Forbes*), "Premiere Trial Attorney" (American Academy of Trial Attorneys) and a "10 out of 10, Superb" rating on Avvo.com, a leading attorney rating site.

His manner, conviction and compassion speak louder than any Super Lawyer listing.

"When somebody comes and hires me, I believe that they have placed the trust of their life in my hands and I need to manage that appropriately," says Chimeri, who says he keeps a box of Kleenex on his desk, aware that the breakup of a family means "something traumatic has often happened to that person."

"They've been served papers, their spouse is having an affair ... my job is to help them focus ... and within the boundaries of the legal system, I try to find practical solutions," he explains. "Very rarely is it the end of the line for

that person," he says. "Generally there are steps that can be taken or personal steps."

Born, raised and schooled on Long Island, Chimeri was a competitive wrestler in high school and college. Now he often wrestles with challenging cases.

"Substance abuse, financial malfeasance by one of the spouses ... I handle the full gamut of any issue that might be part of the breakup of a family unit, whether married or unmarried, and child custody," he says.

His decision to focus on family law and domestic relationships was born, in part, out of his own family experiences.

"My parents are both lovely people but their divorce was contentious," reveals Chimeri. "I lived with and experienced quite a bit of discord during that time in my life, starting when I was 12."

In college, to supplement a restaurant job, he sought out a low-paying internship in a law firm that was primarily family, divorce and matrimonial law.

"At that time I was also coming out — this was long before same-sex marriage — and one of the cases was two women who had been in a 20-year relationship, they had property and children together. I was involved with that case — not as a lawyer yet — and I just saw a need for members of the community to have a lawyer and a voice that understood the unique dynamics that went into same-sex relationships."

Chimeri opened his own practice in Massapequa, and as his practice expanded to Suffolk County, an intro-



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duction to attorney Joseph Quatela turned out to be a legal "match made in heaven."

"Joe had been practicing for 35 years, and we hit it off in terms of our business goals and the nature of our respective practices," says Chimeri. In May of 2015, the two combined their practices.

Today Quatela Chimeri PLLC is a full service law firm with 16 attorneys and offices in Hauppauge and Garden City. Chimeri oversees its matrimonial and family law and appellate practice areas, and describes the firm's approach as "collaborative."

"I have a large percentage of gay divorces because I'm a go-to for gay clients going through it, but that's as much a function of being a gay man as being a good divorce attorney," says Chimeri, who has been married to his life partner Dennis for 10 years. "I'm probably the most fortunate and happily married guy you can find," he says.

Chimeri has been recognized as a frontrunner in the representation of LGBTQ families and has litigated landmark appellate cases that have shaped the landscape over the past decade in New York. He is also the co-founder and recent co-chair of the Suffolk County Bar Association's LGBTQ+ Law Committee "dedicated to emergent issues

that particularly affect gay and lesbian clients."

"The legal system in general, and particularly courts on Long Island, have been exceedingly open minded in the handling of gay and lesbian cases," says Chimeri. "Nassau and Suffolk County have really made concerted efforts to learn and allow themselves to be educated on trans issues," he says, adding, "It's very encouraging."

His best advice if you are struggling with a personal or family issue? "It's always advisable to get legal advice, even if you just have legal questions ... arm yourself with information ... and not the 'misinformation' on the internet. A consultation is never bad," he says.

At the end of the day, Chimeri says the most satisfying part of his job is "knowing that the client left me in a better position than when they hired me."

He adds, "Teachers always told my parents I'm a welcoming, empathetic person. I like to get to the heart of what somebody is going through, so I think that assists me in my arsenal to properly help a client and establish a connection — because I genuinely care."

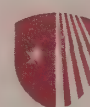
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Life-Saving Exam: Breast Cancer Screenings Depend on Risk



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Breast cancer screenings save lives. “Studies have shown that early detection of breast cancer decreases mortality by 15 to 40%,” says Dr. Nina D’Abreo, medical director of the breast health program at NYU Langone’s Perlmutter Cancer Center-Long Island.

But while experts agree on the need for breast cancer screenings, screening guidelines have become increasingly complex in recent years. Organizations have released different, sometimes contradictory guidelines, and recommendations have become considerably more individualized, based on a woman’s risk factors.

On average, a woman has a 1 in 8, or about 12.5%, chance of developing breast cancer over her lifetime.

“Women who are at average risk for breast cancer should get a baseline mammogram at age 40 and then continue to get mammograms annually,” says Dr. Alice Kim, breast imaging director for Catholic Health. “Women whose breasts are heterogeneously or extremely dense should also be evaluated by ultrasound.”

After age 75, “we still recommend annual mammograms, but women should engage in shared decision-making with their doctors, with functional status and life expectancy taken into account,” Dr. D’Abreo says.

Women in their 20s should begin receiving clinical breast exams and discuss their family history with their gynecologist or primary care physician to determine their likelihood of carrying the BRCA1 and/or BRCA2 mutations, which are associated with a considerably increased risk of breast cancer, and whether genetic testing is recommended, according to Dr. Melissa Fana, chief of breast surgery at South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore and director of breast services at Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson.

Many factors are associated with increased breast cancer risk, and several models are used to calculate an individual woman’s lifetime risk. Guidelines call for women whose lifetime risk exceeds 20% to be screened more closely.

The high-risk category “certainly includes women with the BRCA1 or

BRCA2 mutation and certain other genetic mutations,” Dr. D’Abreo says. Risk is also elevated for patients who have had a prior history of abnormal cell growth such as atypical hyperplasia or lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS); a personal history of breast cancer; a first-degree relative — parent, sibling or child — with premenopausal breast cancer; two or more first-degree family members with breast cancer, regardless of their age at diagnosis; family history of ovarian cancer or male breast cancer; or a history of radiation therapy to the chest area.

Other factors go into calculating a woman’s individual risk, including reproductive history and age at onset of menstruation and menopause.

“For women with a lifetime risk of 20% or higher, MRI may be used as a supplemental screening tool,” Dr. Fana says. Annual MRIs are typically given at six-month intervals with the patient’s annual mammogram (and sonogram, if applicable).

Women with elevated risk may be advised to begin annual mammograms and other screening tests before age 40.

If you do not know your breast cancer risk, have a conversation with your gynecologist or primary care physician.

“When women come to us for a mammogram, we calculate their risk score and include this information on the mammography report,” Dr. Kim says. “This assists gynecologists and primary care physicians in advocating for their high-risk patients in getting insurance companies to authorize MRIs.”

Breast cancer risk models such as Tyrer-Cuzick have risk assessment calculators on the web that allow women to input factors such as age, height and weight, age of menstruation onset, pregnancy history and family history, among others, to calculate their risk.

But it’s best to discuss breast cancer risk with a healthcare provider.

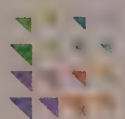
“Some models may overestimate some factors, and women may be alarmed by the findings,” Dr. Abreo says. “Context matters. It’s important to talk to your doctor about your risk of getting breast cancer and what screening is appropriate for you.”



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Adapt and Overcome:

Laura Hadland Feuer's Story

BY CHRISTINA L. POULOS

Laura Hadland Feuer of Huntington spent her childhood summering in Montauk, a tradition begun by her grandfather who came out to camp at Hither Hills in the early 1900s. Feuer returned every summer until she was 22, working herself through college with jobs at The Circle Restaurant, Tony's and The Dolphin. She eventually landed a gig at the coveted popcorn stand at Gosman's Dock, and later became a waitress at Gosman's. After attending the University of Georgia, she became a flight attendant while teaching aerobics in Atlanta.

When she was 31, Feuer was hit head-on by a drunk driver and spent weeks in the ICU, on a respirator with a broken back and a colostomy, and underwent five abdominal surgeries. She can remember how painful it was, lying in the ICU, feeling her muscles atrophying. She believes that because she was so fit, she survived, and soon after, ran the Atlanta half-marathon.

Fifteen years later, Feuer had another life-altering experience. During a tennis match, while chasing down a ball, she ran chest first into a fence. What she thought was a swollen bruise was, as Laura describes it, "a golf ball-sized tumor with arms" — late stage three breast cancer with

node involvement.

Feuer recalls her very first emotions as total shock and devastation to her mind and body. She didn't pray or cry, but sat quietly alongside her husband in a church pew. She asked God to show her his plan. Feeling an overwhelming healing light surround her, she went home to prepare for battle. Friends and family reactions were tough.

"Asleep after a chemo treatment, I sensed someone in the room, opened my eyes, and my mom was standing over me, tears in her eyes," Feuer recalls. "I felt terrible that she was upset and worried. I got out of bed, faked it and did my best to act happy and strong the rest of the day, and every day after. I didn't take care of myself at times. I put on a show."

Feuer's self-talk was more of a story. "General Schwarzkopf (the chemo) was sending an army to fight the bad guys. I'd lose some good guys in the battle, but I was certain I'd win the war," she says. The darkest day was when her hair fell out. It started on the tennis court and then the rest came out in the shower after. She decided not to look in the mirror until it grew back. She allowed herself down days and would push herself to be "live" on other bad days. She gained strength through prayer, continued

to play tennis and exercised to keep strong.

Getting the action plan from her doctor was everything. Six months of chemo to shrink the tumor, then a total mastectomy, followed by 38 rounds of daily radiation. Three months later, Feuer went for a mammogram of the remaining breast and they found atypical cells. She had a mastectomy on the remaining breast and reconstruction for both. After the surgery, she became very ill and ended up back in the hospital for 10 days



LAURA HADLAND FEUER, HUSBAND JOE FEUER AND TWO OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN

with MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant staph infection. Then she was home on an IV for another 10 days.

Even after Feuer won back her wellness (twice!), thoughts of cancer returning are always back-of-mind. She sat through many chemo sessions with her sorority sister Jeannie, who had already beaten cancer, only to have it reappear in her shoulder. Jeannie stopped going to chemo and died four months later. After treatment was over, Feuer assembled a team for the 60-mile, three-day breast cancer walk in Jeannie's honor. The Boomerang Gang consisted of sorority sisters that hadn't seen each other in over 20 years, family from New York, friends and neighbors. Feuer raised \$320,000. Soon after, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the Boomerang Gang rented and furnished a house in Atlanta for a family of six who had lost their home to the hurricane.

Today, Feuer is a vibrant, super fit, 65-year-old grandmother who enjoys lots of tennis, group fitness and watching *Wheel of Fortune* with her husband Joe of 42 years. She drinks fresh lemon juice in a tall glass of water every morning and eats organic

red grapes daily. Her go-to meal is a smoothie made with protein powder, micro-greens, banana and red grapes. Her favorite nature spot is the cliffs at the end of Seaside Avenue in Montauk. "I visualize myself there often, when I need to calm myself, regroup or feel peaceful," she says.



LAURA HADLAND FEUER AND KATHY EICHENBLATT ON THE SECOND DAY OF A THREE-DAY, 60-MILE BREAST CANCER WALK IN ATLANTA, GA



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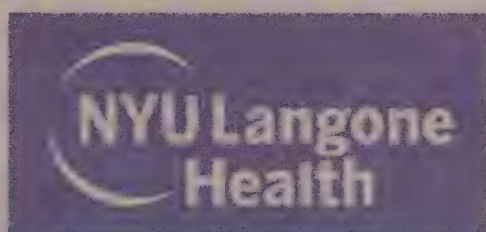
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ADT: Home Security Gets Smarter on the East End

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Custom Home Security Specialist Kevin Falcone has been helping protect East End homes and businesses for 16 years with ADT, which has been in the security business for 147 years. Falcone explains what goes into creating a safe home, but he also describes a growing number of services that allow clients an unprecedented level of access, control and customization at their properties, even when they're hundreds of miles away.

Why is it important to install a home security system?

Installing a security system is important for several reasons, most of which for homeowners on the East End is the peace of mind knowing their home is safe while they are not there, protecting against burglary, fire, critical temperatures from loss of heat, and water being present from a burst pipe or other leak. These are the crucial areas of note where homes can suffer loss one way or another.

Other clients also prefer to have protection while they are home to give them peace of mind during their stay. Systems are far more advanced than they were years ago, including features such as encrypted sensors, integrated cellular communicators that allow monitoring via cell towers (eliminating the need for phone lines), color touchscreen displays, photo disarm cameras, and so much more!

Are there services you offer that could benefit someone who feels they live in a safe, crime-free area and are not concerned about intruders?

For the most part, East End users are not too concerned about security while they are in their homes here, but while they are gone, they want to prevent intrusion, squatters, etcetera. To quell those concerns, burglary protection is mainly alarming the doors into the home as well as backup motion sensors to cover the main areas of the home to restrict movement of an intruder.

In addition to those protections, ADT systems include smart devices, allowing for remote control and viewing of the home from anywhere for remote deadbolt door locks, thermostat and lighting controls, garage door modules, doorbell cameras, and indoor and outdoor cameras. Homeowners can now control these devices, schedule them or trigger them to react—such as in a fire to open a door lock and turn on lights.

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What are some of the hottest trends and technological advancements in your business right now?

Trends currently are leaning away from the older, limited traditional style systems and into the world of today with new systems that offer user interactive color touchscreens and features such as a disarm camera that shows who disarmed the system with what codes and a picture or a 4-minute video during an alarm, 128-bit encrypted sensors to prevent hacking or jamming, sensor mapping to map out coverage in larger homes, remote diagnostics for troubleshooting any issues without needing a technician, live battery life levels, as well as remote control of the system from afar.

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How can smart technology and home automation improve a homeowner's life?

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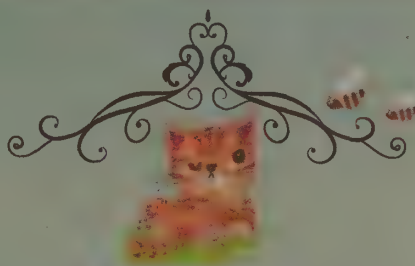
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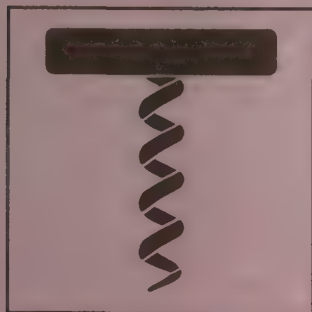
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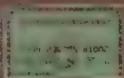
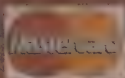


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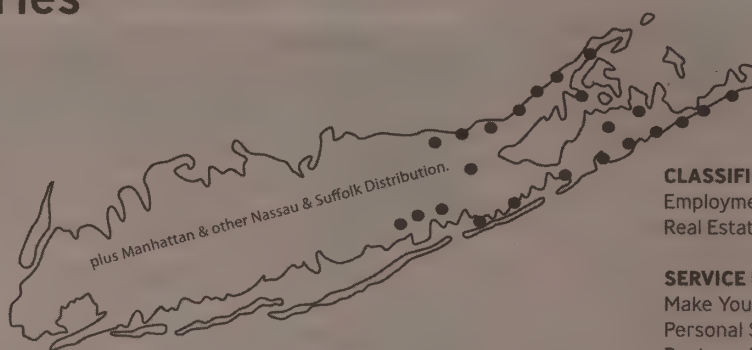
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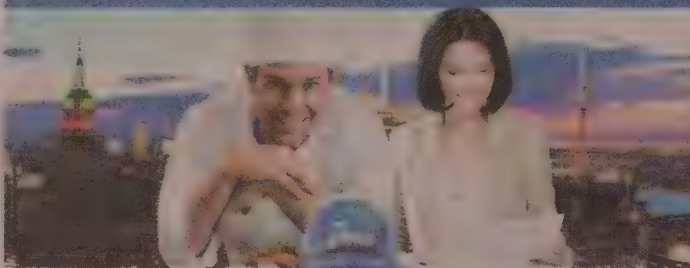
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The People Come First:

Decades of Public Service Lead Jim LaCarrubba to Bring Suffolk OTB Into the Future

BY TODD SHAPIRO

When Superstorm Sandy was on her collision course with Long Island, it was next to impossible to imagine what devastation the storm would bring.

There was a grim discussion, including a warning that people should be prepared to see the bodies of those who may not have made it through the event. It was going to be catastrophic, perhaps historic. Sandy was going to leave behind sights that nobody had ever seen before.

Thankfully, no lives were lost. But Jim LaCarrubba will never forget the images of what the surging waters brought to the City of Long Beach, where he was working as director of public works.

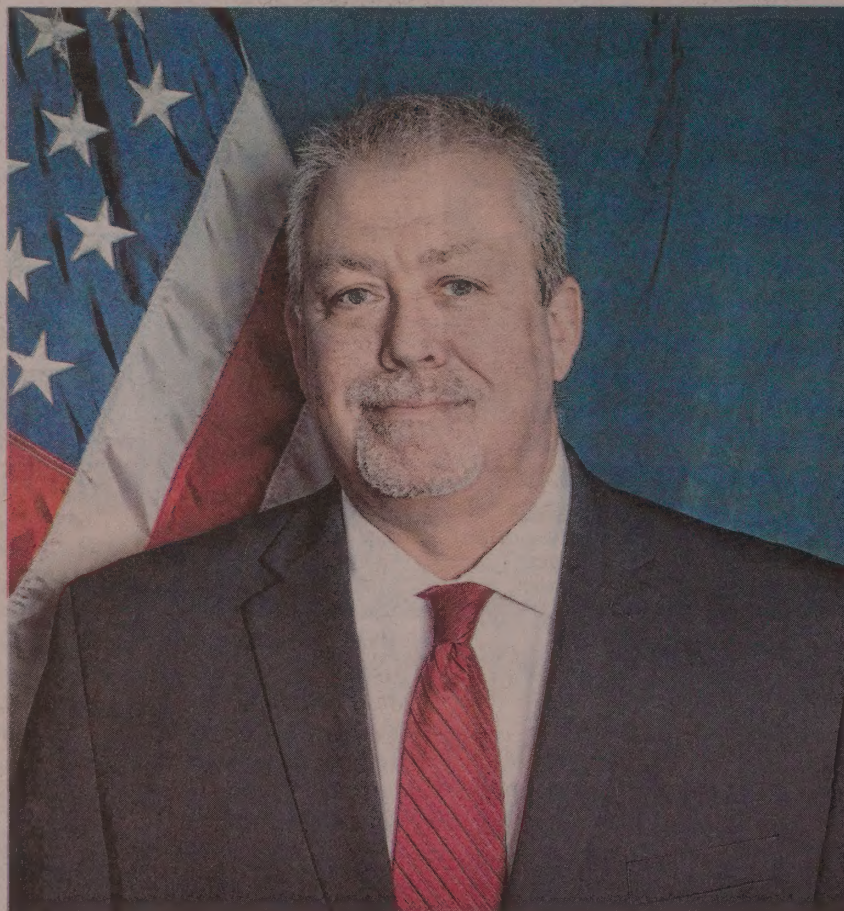
LaCarrubba is now the president and CEO of Suffolk Off-Track Betting (OTB), the most recent position in a long public service career. He has seen a lot of things throughout the years, and Sandy's impact has left an indelible mark on the veteran government official.

"As the storm was getting worse, I was on the Long Beach boardwalk with (former) City Manager Jack Schnirman, and he was finishing an interview with one of the many media outlets that were there reporting," LaCarrubba says. "I told Jack that if we didn't leave right at that moment, we would not be able to get across town. By the time we got across town to City Hall, the water was up to our knees."

So began days of working around the clock for every city employee. There was five feet of sand on some streets. The famous boardwalk was completely destroyed in some places. Residents were unloading their lives into the street, LaCarrubba recalls.

"That event, as much as I would never want to see it again, was an incredible learning experience for everyone," he says. "It was a moment in time when everyone — government and community — came together. I wish we could see that spirit again."

Long Beach came back. The boardwalk was repaired, and the beaches



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opened by the following summer. Millions of dollars in government aid went to rebuild the infrastructure.

"It was local government at its finest, helping the people and working toward the same goal," LaCarrubba says. "I am proud to have been a part of it all."

LaCarrubba is a lifelong resident of Ronkonkoma. He bought the house next door to the one he grew up in and is still there. His trajectory in public service began during his time as an employee for the phone company. He rose through the ranks, and in 2001 became a business agent. The position required a lot of political involvement, and his taste for government service took hold.

In 2005, he unsuccessfully ran for a seat on the Brookhaven Town Council. Brian Foley won the supervisor's seat, and LaCarrubba offered to serve. He was appointed commissioner of the Aviation and Transportation Department. In short order, he put together a plan to disband the department to

eliminate waste and duplicative services and save taxpayers millions of dollars.

"The department made no sense," LaCarrubba says. "It was just costing the people money."

He then became the town's commissioner of parks and began new efforts to bring the community into the decision-making when it came to new projects and improvements.

"Who am I to tell a community what they need? Some want to see basketball courts. Some want playgrounds. But the people felt like they had ownership in their parks, and the result was they took care of them. There was less graffiti, less vandalism," LaCarrubba says.

He then became deputy supervisor before heading to Albany when Foley won an election to become a New York State senator. Serving as Foley's chief of staff, LaCarrubba continued to learn the tenets of good government. When Foley left the Senate, LaCarrub-

ba headed back to Brookhaven as the deputy superintendent of highways. From there he served in Long Beach, then as chief of staff in the Town of Hempstead for former Supervisor Laura Gillen.

All roads now led to December 2020, when LaCarrubba was named the new head of the Suffolk OTB, a role that calls for all of his government and private sector experience to be an effective leader.

"I am so proud of what we have done in the short time I have been here," LaCarrubba says.

OTB is coming off a disastrous 2020 when the COVID pandemic closed all OTB locations for five months. But 2021 has seen a dramatic turnaround. Having declared bankruptcy in 2012, OTB has now paid all of its creditors, dollar for dollar. The flagship location, Jake's 58 in Bohemia, is doing well, and the future is incredibly bright. OTB recently purchased the hotel that houses Jake's 58.

"We are saving money on fees, we are more efficient, and we have more control of the entire operation," LaCarrubba notes.

One of his missions is to change the perception of OTB as a political patronage mill with little regard for the surrounding community and ensure that OTB is a partner.

"We are bringing change, adding appropriate staff and working really hard to provide the benefits to the public that have been promised.

This year, the agency is on pace to provide \$125 million to New York State for education and has continued to generate much-needed revenue for Suffolk County taxpayers. The accomplishments and plans for the future are the results of a long road in public service.

"I have served in all levels of government, and it is a privilege," LaCarrubba says. "It is hard work, and we have to protect the taxpayers. But we are the boots on the ground, the ones who do the heavy lifting, and it is all for the benefit of the people."

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